

The Quarantine Procedures for Dog or Cat Exportation

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(In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and the English translation thereof, the Chinese text shall govern.)

1. Please apply for export quarantine at an APHIA branch office or inspection station under either of the following circumstances:
 - (1) If the importing country requires an official veterinary certificate of Taiwan
 - (2) If the dog or cat may re-enter Taiwan after exportation
2. The process for exporting dogs or cats from Taiwan to another country should comply with the quarantine requirements of the importing country. Owners should inquire with the animal quarantine authority of the importing country about its import requirements.
3. The dogs or cats in this country must be implanted with microchips, and the owner must register the pets in accordance with the Animal Protection Act. However, if the importing country has specific requirements regarding the type of microchip to be used, the recommendation is to have one that complies with its requirements.
4. The dog or cat in this country must be vaccinated against rabies once it is 3 months old to comply with the Statute for Prevention and Control of Infectious Animal Diseases.
5. Owners must bring their dogs or cats and the documents listed below to apply for export quarantine at our branch office or inspection station before leaving the country.
 - (1) The vaccination certificate is to be issued by a veterinarian (This is only needed if the importing country requires it, or the dog or cat may re-enter Taiwan).
 - (2) Supporting documents such as the owner's National

Identification Card or passport, plane ticket, or the cargo declaration. If an agent is applying on behalf of the owner, an authorization letter (no particular type of format required; as long as it clearly expresses the scope of the delegation and the intentions of both parties) and National Identification Cards of both are required.

- (3) Documents required by the importing country, such as an import permit, a sample health certificate, a vaccination certificate of rabies or other diseases, designated tests and so forth.

Note:

- (1) Taiwan's Veterinary Certificate for Export of Live Animals (the official animal export health/quarantine/veterinary certificate) does not have a specified period of validity; it only certifies the condition of the animal before and on the date of issuance. It is recommended that the application be completed within one week before the exportation. In special cases, such as when applying for a re-entry permit shortly after export, earlier inspection may be arranged. However, if the importing country stipulates specific requirements regarding the timing or date of issuance of the export certificate, those requirements must be complied with.
- (2) Please make an appointment with our branch office or inspection station in advance to ensure that the export quarantine procedure is carried out as planned and without any issues.