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CHANGE IN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CATS AND DOGS TO NEW ZEALAND

Due to an outbreak of canine influenza in a New Zealand quarantine facility, the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (NZ MPI) has amended the import requirements for cats and dogs to New Zealand with immediate effect. The Import Health Standard and model veterinary certificates for cats and dogs has been amended to include the following clause:

- ❖ For at least 21 days prior to shipment:
 - the cat or dog was not kept in a place where there were cats or dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease; and
 - the cat or dog showed no clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease

2 NZ MPI had updated their guidance documents for the preparation of cats and dogs for exports to New Zealand. The import health standard (IHS) for cats and dogs contains all of the requirements the pet owners need to meet to import their animal into New Zealand. The corresponding guidance document contains information about acceptable ways of ensuring compliance with the requirements listed in the IHS. These documents may be found at the following links:

- ❖ Import Health Standard (IHS): <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1574-cats-and-dogs-import-health-standard>
- ❖ Guidance Document: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1575-cats-and-dogs-import-health-standard-guidance-document>

3 More information on the steps required for exporting cats and dogs to New Zealand can be found at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/live-animals/pets/steps-to-importing-cats-and-dogs/>.

4 In addition, **operators of quarantine facilities in New Zealand may now require vaccination for cats or dogs** from countries where canine influenza is present. **Please check with your chosen quarantine facility to ensure that your export complies with their requirements.**

5 The updated model veterinary certificates A and B are found on the pages below. You may contact the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries at

animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz if you have any questions on the documents or the influenza status of a cat or dog under your care.

6 For clarification on this circular, please contact us at AVA_Import&Export_Animals@ava.gov.sg or 6805 2991.

Yours faithfully

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NB: This is a computer-generated letter. No signature is required.

6.4 Category 2: Model Veterinary Certificate A - Cats and Dogs from Countries or Territories Recognised as Rabies Free

- (1) Each page of veterinary certificate A and B must be signed and stamped.

Country:	NZ Permit to Import number:																																										
I,, an official government veterinarian or a veterinarian authorised to provide export certification on behalf of the government veterinary service of (country or territory) certify the following:																																											
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(15) I have scanned and confirmed the microchip number above.																																											
(16) The microchip number is recorded on all vaccination and treatment records, laboratory results and certification.																																											
(17) After due enquiry and inspection, I am satisfied that the cat or dog:																																											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Will be more than 12 weeks of age at the date of shipment. b) Will not be more than 42 days pregnant at the date of shipment. c) Has resided continuously in (country of export) for the six months immediately preceding export. d) Is not a dog that belongs wholly or predominantly to any of the following dog breeds or types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Breeds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brazilian Fila 2. Dogo Argentino 3. Japanese Tosa 4. Perro de Presa Canario (ii) Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Pit Bull Terrier e) Is not a hybrid (crossed with another species), with the exception of Bengal cats. Documentation of five generations of domestic ancestry must be provided for Bengal cats. 																																											
Internal parasite treatments																																											
(18) The cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian twice with a product (or combination or products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose.																																											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The first treatment(s) was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment: First treatment date: Name of active ingredient(s): b) The second treatment (or course of treatment) was given in the four days prior to the date of shipment. Second treatment date: Name of active ingredient(s): 																																											

External parasite treatments

- (19) The cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian twice with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment.
- a) The first treatment was given in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment, and the animal was free of external parasites:
First treatment/inspection date:
Name of active ingredient(s):
- b) The second treatment was given in the two days prior to the date of shipment and the animal was free of external parasites:
Second treatment/inspection date:
Name of active ingredient(s):

Heartworm treatment and testing (dogs)

- (20) Treatment (*delete as appropriate*):
- a) The dog has been treated with one of the following in the four days prior to the date of shipment (*delete as appropriate*):
(i) Ivermectin at 6 mcg/kg
(ii) Milbemycin at 0.5 mg/kg
(iii) Moxidectin at 2-4 mcg/kg
(iv) Selamectin at 6 mg/kg
Date of treatment:, or
- b) The dog is up-to-date on heartworm prevention with a sustained-release injection of moxidectin:
Date of treatment:
Name of product:
- (21) Testing (dogs six months of age or older on the date of shipment):
- a) The dog has been subjected to a heartworm antigen ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) test with a negative result in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment:
Sample collection date:

Babesia gibsoni tests (dogs) (*delete as appropriate*)

- (22) The dog has been subjected to an IFA (indirect fluorescent antibody) test or ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) test for *Babesia gibsoni* with a negative result in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
Sample collection date:, or
- (23) The dog has been subjected to two PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests for *Babesia* species or *Babesia gibsoni* with negative results on samples collected 30 to 37 days apart, with the second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
First sample collection date:
Second sample collection date:
Note: Dogs diagnosed with Babesia gibsoni are not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

Brucella canis testing (dogs) (*delete as appropriate*)

- (24) The dog has been subjected to a RSAT (rapid slide agglutination test) with a negative result in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
Sample collection date:, or
- a) The dog has been subjected to a TAT (tube agglutination test) with a negative result in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
Sample collection date:, or
- b) The dog has been subjected to a CPAg-AGID (cytoplasmic agar gel immunodiffusion test) with a negative result in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
Sample collection date:, or
- c) The dog has had a suspicious RSAT or TAT result and has been subjected to a CPAg-AGID with a negative result, with the second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
RSAT or TAT sample collection date:
CPAg-AGID sample collection date:, or
- d) The dog had a suspicious TAT result and the test was repeated in 30 to 42 days after the first test with a negative result, with the second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:

First sample collection date:
 Second sample collection date:, and

(25) *For entire dogs only:* After due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge, in the 44 days prior to the date of shipment, the dog did not naturally mate, unless to a dog of equal *Brucella canis* health status. Any artificial insemination was done with semen that meets the relevant New Zealand import health standard for semen.

Note: Dogs diagnosed with *Brucella canis* are not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

Babesia canis treatment or tests (dogs)

(26) Has the dog resided in or travelled to South Africa?
 Yes
 No

(27) If yes, complete one of the following (*delete as appropriate*):

a) The dog has been given one injection of imidocarb dipropionate at 7.5 mg/kg IM in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
 Total dose:
 Date of treatment:, or

b) The dog has been subjected to an IFA (indirect fluorescent antibody) or ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) test for *Babesia canis* with a negative result in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
 Sample collection date:, or

c) The dog has been subjected to two negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests for *Babesia* species or *Babesia canis* with negative results on samples collected 30 to 37 days apart, with the second sample collected in the 16 days prior to the date of shipment:
 First sample collection date:
 Second sample collection date:

Leptospiriosis (dogs) (*delete as appropriate*)

(28) The dog has been treated with a therapeutic dose of doxycycline for 14 consecutive days in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment:
 Dose rate:
 Dates of treatment:, or

(29) The dog has been treated with a therapeutic dose of dihydrostreptomycin for five consecutive days in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment:
 Dose rate:
 Dates of treatment:, or

(30) The dog has been subjected to a (MAT) microscopic agglutination test for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* with a negative result in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment:
 Sample collection date:, or

(31) The dog had a positive MAT of 1:400 or less for *L. canicola* in the 30 days prior to the date of shipment and has been subjected to a second MAT for *L. canicola* at least 14 days after the first test and showed no increase above the titre of the first test:
 First sample collection date:
 Second sample collection date:

Canine Influenza


(32) For at least 21 days prior to shipment:

a) The cat or dog has not been kept in a place where there were cats or dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease; and
 b) The cat or dog has not shown clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease.


Examination

(33) In the two days prior to shipment, I examined the animal(s) and found it/them to be free from:

a) Clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.
 b) External parasites.
 c) (Only for a dog that is not castrated or spayed) any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia (which includes examination of the extruded penis).

<p>(34) The container in which the animal is to be transported meets the <i>International Air Transport Association (IATA)</i> standards and is clean, dry, and free of pests.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Government veterinary signature and stamp to be applied to all pages (including laboratory reports). Model <i>Veterinary Certificate B</i> for cats and dogs from countries or territories recognised as rabies free must also be completed.</p>	
<p>Veterinarian registered to practice</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Email:</p>	<p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Official Veterinarian signature, Official stamp and date</p> </div>

6.5 Category 2: Model Veterinary Certificate B - Cats and Dogs from Countries or Territories Recognised as Rabies Free

Country:	NZ Permit to Import number:
<p>I an official government veterinarian of (country or territory), certify after due enquiry, in regards to the animal identified in the attached veterinary certificate that:</p> <p>(1) The cat or dog was inspected in the two days prior to travel and is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Healthy and fit to travel. (b) Free from external parasites. (c) Free from clinical signs of infectious disease. (d) (Only for a dog that is not castrated or spayed) free from any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia (which includes examination of the extruded penis). <p>(2) All tests were conducted at a government laboratory or a laboratory approved by the official government veterinary authority of this country, and the results are stamped and attached to this certificate.</p> <p>(3) In the 12 months prior to export there have been no cases of rabies reported in the country of residence.</p> <p>(4) All the required documents were examined and correctly completed in accordance with New Zealand import health standard requirements.</p> <p>(5) The microchip number was confirmed as and is recorded on all vaccination and treatment records, laboratory results, and certification.</p> <p>(6) The animal was placed in a container that meets the <i>International Air Transport Association (IATA)</i> standards. The container is clean, dry, and free of pests, and was fastened with an official seal bearing the number or mark:</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If seal is broken before arrival in New Zealand the container must be resealed securely by an authorised government official. The new seal number must be recorded below and endorsed by an authorised government official:</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Government veterinary signature and stamp to be applied to all pages (including laboratory reports).</p>	
<p>Official Government Veterinarian</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Email:</p>	<p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>