



## **CIRCULAR**

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Pet Agents  
Pet Exporters  
Veterinarians

### **INTERIM MEASURES TO RESUME THE EXPORT OF DOGS FROM SINGAPORE TO AUSTRALIA**

We refer to the temporary suspension imposed by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) on the import of dogs from Singapore on 19 May 2018.

2 DAWR will allow resumption of the export of dogs from Singapore to Australia subject to the following additional interim measures and certification:

- a. For at least 10 days prior to shipment the dog was kept in a private residence and did not have contact with dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease or dogs that may have been exposed to dogs with infectious respiratory disease, and
- b. The dog was tested with the negative result for canine influenza virus (CIV) (Flu A) by reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction on a nasal swab collected within the 5 days prior to export, and
- c. The dog was examined within 24 hours of export and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

3 In order to comply with the above and to facilitate preparation and export arrangements, all dogs exported from Singapore to Australia will be batched and sent one day a week, i.e. on **WEDNESDAYS** only.

4 To ensure that dogs to be exported to Australia comply with the interim measures and certification, exporters and veterinarians should observe the following timeline and measures in preparing dogs for export:

Day 0	<b>Sunday</b>	<p><u>Responsibility of pet owner/ exporter</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Start of continuous private residence for 10 days prior to export: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The dog must not have contact with other dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease,</li> <li>b. The dog must not have contact with other dogs that may have been exposed to dogs with infectious respiratory disease, and</li> <li>c. Premises that are known to be high risk for exposure to dogs with infectious respiratory disease, such as boarding kennels and farms are not to be used.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Pet owners/ Exporters when applying for a veterinary health certificate will be required to submit a declaration (<u>Annex A</u>)</li> </ol>
Day 5	<b>Friday</b>	<p><u>Responsibility of private veterinarian</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This step should be done concurrently with the pre-export examination of the dog for external parasites and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.</li> <li>2. Reasonable measures should be taken to prevent exposure of the dog to infection at the veterinary clinic: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pre-export clinical examination should be scheduled early in the day (e.g. the dog should be presented to the clinic before the arrival of the other appointments.),</li> <li>b. The dog should not come into contact with other dogs at the clinic (e.g. the waiting room), and</li> <li>c. The consult room and equipment should be disinfected between use by different animals.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. A nasal swab sample for CIV (Flu A) test by RT-PCR should be collected: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It is recommended to use swabs with a synthetic tip (e.g. polyester or Dacron) and an aluminium or plastic shaft. Swabs with cotton tips and wooden shafts are not recommended.</li> <li>b. Sample should be placed into sterile universal transport media and immediately placed on ice, cold pack or 4°C (refrigerator) for transport to the laboratory.</li> <li>c. The sample should be delivered to the AVA Animal Health Laboratory by 3.00pm the same day.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

		<p>d. Applicable laboratory fees (inclusive of GST) are \$262.50 per batch of 5 samples or part thereof; and \$31.50 for each subsequent sample.</p> <p>e. You may contact the Animal Health Laboratory at 6316 5188 or 6316 5134 for further advice on CIV testing.</p> <p>4. The veterinarian will be required to provide a declaration (<u>Annex A</u>) to the exporter.</p> <p><u>Responsibility of exporter</u></p> <p>5. Exporter should apply for manual endorsement of veterinary certificate on LicenceOne. The original Veterinary Certificate and declarations from the exporter and veterinarian (<u>Annex A</u>) should be submitted.</p>
Day 9	<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><u>Responsibility of exporter</u></p> <p>1. The CIV (Flu A) laboratory test report can be collected from the laboratory from 10.00am onwards. The original laboratory test report should be presented on the day of export to CAPQ for endorsement.</p> <p>2. The endorsed Veterinary Certificate can be collected from the AVA HQ Service Centre from 4.00pm onwards or the SAQS from 5.00pm onwards.</p>
Day 10	<b>Wednesday (Day of export)</b>	<p><u>Responsibility of exporter and/or transporter</u></p> <p>1. Exporters/transporters are required to send dogs to be exported to Australia to the Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine (CAPQ) at least 5 hours prior to loading on the day of export. This will allow AVA officers to adequately conduct a final check on the dog to ensure it is healthy before being loaded onto the plane.</p> <p>2. The exporter/transporter should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send the dog directly from the private residence to CAPQ,</li> <li>Transport the dog alone or only with other dogs that are to be exported to Australia, and</li> <li>Ensure that the interior of the vehicle is cleaned and disinfected prior to transport of the dog.</li> </ol> <p>3. The exporter/transporter will be required to provide a declaration (<u>Annex A</u>) to CAPQ.</p>

		<p>4. The following documents should be presented at CAPQ for endorsement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Veterinary Certificate</li><li>b. CIV (Flu A) laboratory test report</li><li>c. Declaration by exporter/transporter</li></ul> <p>5. If the dog and documents are in order, AVA will provide and endorse an addendum to the Veterinary Certificate for the export of dogs from Singapore to Australia (<u>Annex B</u>).</p>
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5 For enquiries on this circular, you may contact [AVA\\_Import&Export\\_Animals@ava.gov.sg](mailto:AVA_Import&Export_Animals@ava.gov.sg) or +65 6805 2991. For enquiries on Australian permit to import dogs, you may contact the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) at [imports@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:imports@agriculture.gov.au) Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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

**ANNEX A**

**(A) DECLARATION BY PET OWNER/ EXPORTER FOR DOGS TO BE EXPORTED FROM SINGAPORE TO AUSTRALIA**

**Animal Details**

Australia Import Permit Number:	
Name of dog:	
Microchip number:	
Date of export:	

**Declaration by Pet Owner/ Exporter**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(Name), \_\_\_\_\_(NRIC/Passport/FIN),  
owner / the natural person who has authorisation in writing from the owner to carry out the  
export on behalf of the owner <sup>(1)</sup> declare that:

1. For at least 10 days prior to export, the dog due for export, as well as all other dogs in the  
residence:

- a) Was kept in a private residence and did not have contact with dogs showing clinical  
signs of infectious respiratory disease,
- b) Did not have contact with other dogs that may have been exposed to dogs with  
infectious respiratory disease,
- c) Was not kept at boarding kennels and farms, and
- d) Showed no clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease.
- e) History of residence 10 days prior to date of export:

<b>Date From (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	<b>Date To (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	<b>Address of Residence</b>

2. The information provided above is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I am fully  
aware that the veterinary certificate application may be rejected or revoked if a false  
declaration is made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(1) Delete as appropriate

**(B) DECLARATION BY VETERINARIAN FOR DOGS TO BE EXPORTED FROM SINGAPORE TO AUSTRALIA**

**Animal Details**

Australia Import Permit Number:	
Name of dog:	
Microchip number:	
Date of export:	

**Declaration by Veterinarian**

I, an authorized veterinarian certify that,

1. I have collected a nasal swab sample from the above dog for CIV (Flu A) RT-PCR test on \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy), within the 5 days prior to export.
2. The dog was examined on \_\_\_\_\_(dd/mm/yyyy), within 5 days prior to export and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
3. The dog was not exposed to other dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease at the clinic (e.g. the waiting area).
4. After due enquiry, for at least 10 days prior to export the dog due for export, as well as all other dogs in the same residence, was kept in private residence and did not have contact with dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease.

Name of veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**(C) DECLARATION BY EXPORTER/TRANSPORTER FOR DOGS TO BE EXPORTED FROM SINGAPORE TO AUSTRALIA**

**Animal Details**

Australia Import Permit Number:	
Name of dog:	
Microchip number:	
Date of export:	
Address of residence of dog:	

**Declaration by Exporter/Transporter**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(Name), \_\_\_\_\_(NRIC/Passport/FIN),  
owner / the natural person who has authorisation in writing from the owner to carry out the  
export on behalf of the owner <sup>(1)</sup> declare that:

1. The dog was sent directly from the address of residence to the Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine Station (CAPQ),
2. The dog was transported alone, or only with other dogs in the same batch that are to be exported to Australia,
3. The interior of the vehicle used to transport the dog was cleaned and disinfected prior to transport of the dog, and
4. The information provided above is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I am fully aware that the dog will not be released for export if a false declaration is made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<sup>(1)</sup> Delete as appropriate



**Annex B: Addendum to the Veterinary Certificate for the export of dogs from Singapore to Australia**

AVA certificate number: .....

Identification of dog:

Name: ..... Import permit number: .....

Breed: ..... Sex: .....

Age: ..... Microchip: .....

I, ....., an official government veterinarian of Singapore, certify after due enquiry and review of the documents made available to me, in regard to the animal identified above and in the attached veterinary certificate that:

1. For at least 10 days prior to shipment the dog was kept in a private residence and did not have contact with dogs showing clinical signs of infectious respiratory disease or dogs that may have been exposed to dogs with infectious respiratory disease; and
2. The dog was tested with the negative result for CIV (Flu A) by reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction on a nasal swab collected within the 5 days prior to export; and  
Sample collection date (dd/mm/yyyy): .....
3. The dog was examined on ....., which is within 24 hours of export and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

Official Government Veterinarian

Official stamp

Name: .....

Official position: .....

Address: .....

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Signature: .....

Date: .....

