

(2) On arrival of the dog/cat at the airport of entry, the owner shall declare quarantine and submit the Import Permit issued by BAPHIQ and the original Veterinary Certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate must specify in English, Chinese or both, the following:

- ① Breed, sex, age (or date of birth) and microchip number of the dog/cat.
- ② Date of inactivated virus vaccination against rabies and whether a primary or a booster vaccination was carried out.
- ③ The dog/cat has been inspected and shown no clinical signs of rabies.
- ④ No case of rabies has been reported in the exporting country for the past 2 years.
- ⑤ The dog/cat has not left the country since it was imported directly from Taiwan.

5. After on-site inspection, if the dog/cat is found to be in good health condition and the documents are satisfactory, it will be released on the spot.

Attention

- ※ If the "Import Permit" is unavailable or the information specified in the Veterinary Certificate issued by the exporting country does not meet the requirements, the dog/cat will be returned, destroyed or quarantined for at least 21 days.
- ※ A dog/cat not accompanied by the original Veterinary Certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country will be returned or destroyed.

6. After releasing, the imported dog/cat is put under monitoring inspection of the local animal disease control authority for 3 months.

In case of any violation of the regulations, a dog/cat will be returned, destroyed or detained for quarantine.

In case of any latest amendment to the quarantine regulation promulgated prior to shipment, the latest amendment shall govern.

For Further Information:

Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan

9Fl., No. 51, Sec. 2, Chungching S. Rd., Jungjeng District, Taipei City 10075, Taiwan, ROC.

TEL: 886-2-23431401

FAX: 886-2-23431400

Website: <http://www.baphiq.gov.tw/>

Hsinchu Branch

No.25, Hangcin N. Rd., Dayuan Township, Taoyuan County 337, Taiwan, ROC.

TEL: 886-3-3982663

FAX: 886-3-3982313

Animal Quarantine Section

TEL: 886-3-3982431

FAX: 886-3-3982310

E-mail: hc04@mail.hcbaphiq.gov.tw

Arrival Quarantine Counters at Taiwan Taoyuan Int. Airport

Terminal 1 TEL: 886-3-3982268

Terminal 2 TEL: 886-3-3983371

TACT Cargo Terminal Quarantine Room

TEL: 886-3-3931881

FAX: 886-3-3931882

EVA Cargo Terminal Quarantine Room

TEL: 886-3-3938243

FAX: 886-3-3938267

FGCT Cargo Terminal Quarantine Room

TEL: 886-3-3992850

FAX: 886-3-3992852

Taoyuan Inspection Station

No.28, Sec. 1, Longgang Rd., Zhongli City, Taoyuan County 302, Taiwan, ROC.

TEL: 886-3-4689157

FAX: 886-3-4689159

Hsinchu Inspection Station

No.111, Minzu Rd., Hsinchu City 300, Taiwan, ROC. (Please entry from Lane 113, Minzu Rd.)

TEL: 886-3-5331378

FAX: 886-3-5330825

Keelung Branch

2F., No. 88, Yi 2nd Rd., Jungjeng Chiu, Keelung City 202, Taiwan, ROC.

TEL: 886-2-24247363

FAX: 886-2-24247364

Taichung Branch

The Building of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, National Chung Hsing University, No.250, Guoguang Rd., South District, Taichung City 40227, Taiwan, ROC.

TEL: 886-4-22850198

FAX: 886-4-22858147

Kaohsiung Branch

4F., No. 31, Haibian Rd., Lingya District, Kaohsiung City 802, Taiwan, ROC.

TEL: 886-7-5360070

FAX: 886-7-5360027

E-mail: kh-service@mail.khbaphiq.gov.tw

Rules for the Importation of Dogs or Cats into Taiwan

● For rabies-free countries/areas only ●



Rules for the Importation of Dogs or Cats into Taiwan

Importation of dogs or cats shall be in compliance with the “Quarantine Rules for the Importation of Dogs or Cats into Taiwan” promulgated on February 18, 2005 by the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture (BAPHIQ, COA).

1. Definition of rabies-free and rabies-infected countries/areas:

According to the latest promulgation of COA, Australia, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden and United Kingdom are recognized as rabies-free countries/areas. Countries/areas other than the above are recognized as rabies-infected countries/areas.

2. Attention for owners:

- (1) The owner shall apply to Hsinchu Branch (for import via Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport) or Kaohsiung Airport Inspection Station, Kaohsiung Branch (for import via Kaohsiung International Airport) of BAPHIQ for an Import Permit of the dog/cat no less than 30 days prior to shipment.
- (2) Upon boarding, the airline may require the owner to present the Import Permit (issued by either Branch of BAPHIQ) and the original Veterinary Certificate (issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country) of the dog/cat. Please make sure you have the above documents to avoid disrupting your schedule.

- (3) Due to the ever-changing global animal disease status, the list of rabies-free countries/areas might be revised accordingly. Please visit the website of BAPHIQ (<http://www.baphiq.gov.tw/>) for the latest information.
- (4) The dog/cat must not be more than 4 weeks pregnant at the time of shipment.
- (5) It is forbidden to import a dog/cat from Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, or China (excluding Hong Kong and Macao) into Taiwan.
- (6) Transshipment of a dog/cat through Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh or China (excluding Hong Kong and Macao) is prohibited. Additionally, a cat is not allowed to be transhipped through Australia.
- (7) In case a dog/cat from a rabies-free country/area is transhipped through rabies-infected countries/areas, it will be quarantined for at least 21 days.
- (8) A cat from Australia shall be pre-export quarantined in approved quarantine premises under supervision of the animal quarantine authority of Australian government for at least 28 days prior to shipment. During pre-export quarantine, the cat shall be subjected to serum neutralization test against Hendra virus twice with negative results. The interval between these two tests shall exceed 21 days.

Rules for the Importation of Dogs or Cats into Taiwan from rabies-free countries/areas

1. The owner shall submit the following documents to Hsinchu Branch or Kaohsiung Airport Inspection Station, Kaohsiung Branch of BAPHIQ, no less than 30 days prior to shipment, to apply for an “Import Permit” :

- (1) Completed application form. (Please download from <http://www.baphiq.gov.tw/>)
- (2) Rabies inactivated virus vaccination certificate issued by a veterinary clinic of the exporting country. The certificate must specify in English, Chinese or both, the following:

- ① Breed, sex, age (or date of birth) and microchip number of the dog/cat.
- ② Date of inactivated virus vaccination against rabies (in the case of a primary vaccination, the dog/cat must be at least 90 days old; for both primary and booster vaccinations, the day of shipment must be between 30 days to 1 year after vaccination).
- ③ Whether a primary or a booster vaccination against rabies was carried out.
- ④ Copy of the owner's passport.



- ※ The rabies vaccine used **MUST** be of inactivated (killed) type. All attenuated and modified live types are prohibited.
- ※ A primary vaccination means the first shot against rabies carried out when the dog/cat was at least 90 days old.
- ※ A booster vaccination means the second or a later shot against rabies carried out after the primary vaccination.

2. How to apply for an “Import Permit” :

For your convenience, please send all the documents by e-mail (hc04@mail.hcbaphiq.gov.tw for applying to Hsinchu Branch; kh-service@mail.khbaphiq.gov.tw for applying to Kaohsiung Branch). You can also send the documents by mail or by fax (please indicate “Apply for Import Permit of Dog/Cat”).

3. On arrival of the dog/cat at the airport of entry, the owner shall submit the following documents to animal quarantine officers of BAPHIQ to declare quarantine:

- (1) Import Permit.
- (2) Original Veterinary Certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country (with official stamp and signature of the quarantine officer).
The certificate must specify in English, Chinese, or both, the following:
 - ① Breed, sex, age (or date of birth) and microchip number of the dog/cat.

- ② Date of inactivated virus vaccination against rabies and whether a primary or a booster vaccination was given.
 - ③ The dog/cat has been inspected and shown no clinical signs of rabies.
 - ④ No case of rabies has been reported in the exporting country for the past 2 years.
 - ⑤ The dog/cat has been raised in the exporting country continuously for at least 6 months prior to shipment or since birth.
- ※ The Veterinary Certificate of a cat from Australia shall attest additionally 3 declarations:
 - ① The cat came from premises where Hendra disease had not occurred for the past 6 months.
 - ② The cat has been pre-export quarantined in approved quarantine premises under supervision of the Australian government for at least 28 days prior to shipment. During pre-export quarantine, the cat has been subjected to serum neutralization test against Hendra virus twice with negative results. The interval between these two tests exceeded 21 days.
 - ③ In 24 hours prior to shipment, the cat has been inspected and found free from clinical signs of Hendra disease.
- (3) Customs declaration form (to be filled on arrival at the airport of entry) or bill of lading (to be submitted upon cargo arrival).

4. For a dog/cat previously exported from Taiwan directly to a rabies-free country/area and stayed there for less than 6 months, now to be re-imported,

- (1) The owner shall submit the following documents to apply for an “Import Permit” :
 - ① Completed application form.
 - ② Copy of “Veterinary Certificate for Export of Live Animals” issued by BAPHIQ when the dog/cat was exported from Taiwan.
 - ③ Copy of the owner's passport.
 - ④ Copy of the pet's ID (for dogs only).

