

# **Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999**

## **Regulation and Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries**

Ref: AE-SG-09

Date: 13 March 2017

### **PETANI.SG 13 March 2017 – Dogs and Cats to Singapore**

#### **1. Statutory authority**

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the export requirements for Dogs and Cats to Singapore PETANI.SG dated 13 March 2017;
- (ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for Dogs and Cats to Singapore PETANI.SG dated 13 March 2017;
- (iii) the revocation and replacement of the export requirements for Dogs and Cats to Singapore DOMANIEC.SG dated 06 May 2013.

This notice takes effect from 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Dated at Wellington this 08 day of February 2017.

Signed: Howard Pharo  
Manager Import and Export Animals  
Animal and Animal Products Directorate  
Regulation and Assurance Branch  
(acting under delegated authority)

#### **2. Singapore requirements**

Dogs and cats exported from New Zealand to Singapore must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

#### **Explanatory note:**

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the dogs and cats do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the dogs and cats do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified



Certificate No: .....

**NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORT OF DOGS AND CATS INTO SINGAPORE**

*For Category A countries: Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom*

AVA Import Licence No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinary Certificate No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B. A valid AVA Import Licence to import the dog/cat must be obtained before shipment.**

**SECTION I IDENTIFICATION OF THE DOG/CAT**

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (delete as appropriate): Male      Neutered Male      Female      Neutered female

Age or Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (animal must be at least 12 weeks of age at the time of export)

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_

[N.B. The following breeds and their crosses are prohibited for import: Pit Bull (including the American Pit Bull Terrier also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Bulldog, and crosses between them and other breeds), Neapolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Akita, Dogo Argentino, Boerboel, Fila Brasileiro, Perro de Presa Canario and their crosses; Bengal and Savannah cat crosses of 4<sup>th</sup> generation and below.]

Microchip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The animal has been scanned on \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year) prior to export and found to be implanted with a microchip bearing the above microchip number, which is also reflected on the animal's vaccination certificate.

**SECTION II ORIGIN OF THE DOG/CAT (indicate the option that applies)**

After due enquiry I am satisfied that the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) identified in this certificate has been continuously resident in the country of export:

(a) since birth, or

continuously resident in the country of export or in other countries listed in Category A:

(b) since being imported directly from Singapore on \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year), or

(c) for a minimum period of 6 months prior to export, and is not under quarantine restriction at the time of export.

**SECTION III SANITARY INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS), the undersigned veterinarian, being a Government approved veterinarian / Official government veterinarian (delete as appropriate) of New Zealand, certify in respect of the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) described above that:

**General Vaccinations (strike out whichever does not apply)**

For dogs under sixteen (16) weeks of age at the time of export:

In the case of a dog under sixteen (16) weeks of age at the time of export, the dog was vaccinated according to manufacturer’s recommendations against Canine Distemper, Canine Hepatitis and Canine Parvoviral infection with at least two vaccinations, four weeks apart, with the first vaccination administered at no earlier than six weeks of age, and the second vaccination must be given at least two weeks prior to export.

For dogs sixteen (16) weeks of age and above at the time of export:

In the case of a dog sixteen (16) weeks of age at the time of export, the dog was vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Canine Infectious Hepatitis, and Canine Parvovirus according to the vaccine manufacturer’s recommendations and at least 14 days prior to export.

Date of vaccinations:

Canine Distemper: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Canine Infectious Hepatitis: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Canine Parvovirus: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

For cats under sixteen (16) weeks of age at the time of export:

In the case of a cat under sixteen (16) weeks of age at the time of export, the cat was vaccinated according to manufacturer’s recommendations against Cat Flu (Feline calicivirus and Feline viral rhinotracheitis) and Cat enteritis (i.e., Feline Panleukopenia/ Feline Infectious Enteritis) with at least two vaccinations, three weeks apart, with the first vaccination administered at no earlier than six weeks of age, and the second vaccination must be given at least two weeks prior to export.

For cats sixteen (16) weeks of age and above at the time of export:

In the case of a cat sixteen (16) weeks of age and above at the time of export, the cat was vaccinated against Feline Calicivirus, Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus and Feline Panleukopenia Virus, according to the vaccine manufacturer’s recommendations and at least 14 days prior to export.

Date of vaccinations:

Feline Calicivirus: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Feline Panleukopenia Virus: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

**Rabies Vaccinations**

Not required. Dog/cat imported under this protocol does not require quarantine upon import.

**External Parasite Treatment**

The dog/cat was treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 7 days of export.

Date of treatment: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Name of product: \_\_\_\_\_

Active ingredient: \_\_\_\_\_

**Internal Parasite Treatment**

The dog/cat was treated with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) between 2 and 7 days of export.

Date of treatment: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Name of product: \_\_\_\_\_

Active ingredient: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pregnancy (for females)**

After due enquiry, I am satisfied that the animal is not pregnant at the time of export.

**Prohibited breeds**

After due enquiry, I am satisfied that the animal is not one of the prohibited breeds or crosses as listed in Section I.

**Clinical examination**

Within 7 days of export I have examined the dog/cat and found it to be healthy, free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease and fit for travel at the time of export.

**Endorsement**

Sections I to III may be endorsed by a government-approved veterinarian or an official government veterinarian.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Name of government-approved veterinarian or an official government veterinarian (delete as appropriate):

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Address, telephone, fax, email of practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV (must be endorsed by official government veterinarian)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name in BLOCK LETTERS), the undersigned veterinarian, being an Official government veterinarian of New Zealand, certify in respect of the dog/cat (delete as appropriate) described above that:

After due enquiry and examination of documents, the dog/cat had not been imported into the country (other than from countries listed in Category A, or directly from Singapore) during the six (6) months preceding the date of certification below.

No case of rabies has been reported in New Zealand for at least six (6) months prior to the date of export and no routine rabies vaccination is permitted in the country.

I have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the information given in Sections I to III and am satisfied to the best of my ability that the dog/cat certified above meets with the requirements for importation into Singapore.

MPI seal bearing the marks: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION VALIDITY: This certification is valid for seven (7) days.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (day/month/year)

Name of official government veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, telephone, fax, email contact:

Official Stamp:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**DECLARATION BY CAPTAIN / AUTHORISED AIRLINE STAFF OF  
AIRCRAFT CARRYING LIVE DOGS/CATS FOR IMPORT INTO SINGAPORE**

FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS/CATS FOR COUNTRIES UNDER CATEGORY A – *Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom*

**Section A** (For dog(s)/cat(s) travelling from exporting country/place by direct and non-stop flight to Singapore)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name), Captain / Authorised Airline Staff of \_\_\_\_\_ (Flight No.), do hereby declare that the aircraft travelled directly from \_\_\_\_\_ (Exporting Country / Airport) to Singapore on \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy). To the best of my knowledge, I also declare that the dog or cat was loaded in the exporting country / place and transported to Singapore without any stop-over. The dog or cat remained in tamper-proof sealed cages and did not have any direct contact with any other animals throughout their journey.

Name of Declarant: Signature: Rank: Date & Time	Insert Official Stamp here:
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**Section B** (For dog(s)/cat(s) travelling from exporting country/place with stop-over(s) enroute to Singapore)

**Part I**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name), Captain / Authorised Airline Staff of \_\_\_\_\_ (Flight No.), do hereby declare that the aircraft travelled from (Exporting Country / Airport) to Singapore via \_\_\_\_\_ (Port & Country / Airport) on \_\_\_\_\_ (Flight No.) on \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy). To the best of my knowledge, I also declare that the dog or cat remained in tamper-proof sealed cages and had not been in contact with any other animal at any time enroute.

Name of Declarant: Signature: Rank: Date & Time	Insert Official Stamp here:
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**Part II** (For the completion by the second captain/authorised airline staff if there is a change of captain/aircraft)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name), Captain / Authorised Airline Staff of \_\_\_\_\_ (Flight No.), do hereby declare that the aircraft travelled from (Exporting Country / Airport) to Singapore via \_\_\_\_\_ (Port & Country / Airport) on \_\_\_\_\_ (Flight No.) on \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy). To the best of my knowledge, I also declare that the dog or cat remained in tamper-proof sealed cages and had not been in contact with any other animal at any time enroute.

Name of Declarant: Signature: Rank: Date & Time	Insert Official Stamp here:
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**N.B. In the event that an animal escapes from its cage during flight and/or transit, the airlines must inform AVA immediately on arrival. All dogs/cats destined for Singapore involved in such incidents may be subject to quarantine by AVA.**

**Declaration by Airport/Airline staff**

(This is to be completed only if the seal of the pet carrier is broken during the flight journey)

This is to certify that, \_\_\_\_\_ (name) of \_\_\_\_\_  
(NRIC/Passport No.), presented his/her cat/dog in a tamper-proof sealed pet carrier prior to going through airport security at  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of port/country) and that the seal was broken in my presence.

I certify that a new tamper-proof seal, \_\_\_\_\_ (seal number), was put in place after passing  
through airport security, also in my presence.

I further certify that the cat/dog was only removed from the carrier for the duration of the security check and during this  
process, did not come into contact with any other animal(s).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B. In the event that an animal escapes from its cage during flight and/or transit, AVA must be informed immediately on arrival. All dogs/cats destined for Singapore involved in such incidents may be subject to quarantine by AVA. All dogs/cats that are not presented in a cage with an intact seal or accompanied by an incomplete or falsely completed form may also be subject to quarantine by AVA.**

## EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

**SPECIES:** DOGS AND CATS

**COUNTRY:** SINGAPORE

**NOTES:** This certificate replaces that dated 6 May 2013. It has been updated to comply with the World Trade Organization notification G/SPS/N/SGP/37/Add.2 to explicitly state the recommended age for the initial vaccination (i.e., six weeks of age and above). This certificate is a model certificate supplied by the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore. The following notes have come from the Singapore import permit.

1. The dog/cat shall be accompanied by an original vaccination certificate, which also bears the identification code of the microchip that has been implanted. The vaccination certificate also bears the details (name of veterinarian, name and address of veterinary practice) and endorsement of licensed/registered veterinarian who vaccinated the dog/cat and verified the microchip identification code.
2. The owner or his agent must apply for the Import Licence by submitting an online application through AVA's website ([http://www.ava.gov.sg/Services/AVAEservices/Permit\\_Import\\_Export\\_Transship\\_Animals\\_Birds\\_Eggs\\_Biologics.htm](http://www.ava.gov.sg/Services/AVAEservices/Permit_Import_Export_Transship_Animals_Birds_Eggs_Biologics.htm)) 30 days prior to the arrival of animals.
3. The owner or his agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Licence at least five (5) working days before the arrival of the animals.
4. This certificate must not be dated more than 7 days prior to export.
5. The microchip that is implanted into the dog/cat must meet with ISO (International Standards Organisation) Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785. If the dog is implanted with a microchip which does not comply with these ISO Standards, the owner of the dog or his authorised agent must provide a reader which is able to read the identification code for the implanted microchip at the point of entry into Singapore.
6. On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the dog/cat and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate, Captain's Declaration and original vaccination certificate) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the animal is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the animal shall be released to the owner or his agent.
7. If the animal does not meet the residency requirements upon arrival, the animal shall be quarantined at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station to make up for the shortfall in duration mandated by the residency requirement.
8. If any animal is not healthy or if any document is not in order, or quarantine space is unavailable, the animal shall be returned to the country of export, detained for up to two weeks for observation or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services.
9. Owners must ensure that the animal is transported in escape-proof containers conforming to the latest International Air transport Association's (IATA) Live Animal Regulations (if transport is by air).
10. Owners must ensure that the animal is not pregnant at the time of export.



11. Owners should be aware of the conditions for keeping dogs above 3 months of age in Singapore as pets.

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**Section 61A Animal Products Act 1999 states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market'.**