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**QUARANTINE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS
EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

1. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), shall be responsible for the implementation of quarantine procedures and the issuance of certificates.
2. The Chinese side shall send veterinarians to the premises of export dogs, related isolation premises and quarantine facilities to cooperate with USDA veterinarians for supervising inspection and quarantine.
3. The establishments of export dogs shall meet the following requirements:
 - 3.1 There have been no clinical signs of rabies, canine distemper for the past 5 years.
 - 3.2 There have been no clinical signs of canine parvovirus, canine rotavirus, infectious hepatitis, canine coronavirus and Aujeszky's disease for the past 3 years.
4. The dogs shall be quarantined at a USDA, APHIS-approved isolation premises for 30 days prior to export. During this period, the animals shall be examined individually by a USDA accredited veterinarian and found healthy.
5. Before entering into the isolation premises, the dogs shall be vaccinated against rabies, canine distemper, canine parvovirus, canine coronavirus and infectious hepatitis. The types and manufacturers of the vaccines, the period of protection for the dogs, the doses of vaccines and the dates of vaccination must be specified on the export health certificate.
6. During the quarantine period, the dogs for export shall be treated with officially approved effective parasiticides which are licensed for use in the United States for internal and external parasites, under the supervision of a APHIS authorized veterinary official.
7. All the crate, vehicles, cargo spaces in ships and planes and implements used for the transportation of the dogs shall be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly with USDA-approved effective disinfectants.
8. The dogs to be exported shall be clinically examined by a USDA accredited veterinarian within 24 hours of export and found to be apparently healthy and free from any sign of infectious or contagious diseases.
9. The export health certificates shall have detailed information on the clinical diagnosis, health status, test methods, dates and results of tests for each animals, the name, dosage and manufacturer of parasiticides and disinfectants and the date and place of application and be endorsed by a USDA veterinarian.

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10. Feeds and bedding to be used during the quarantine and the transportation shall not originate from epizootic disease affected areas and shall meet veterinary hygienic requirements.

11. During the quarantine period and during transport from the isolation premises to the port of embarkation and through to the Chinese port of entry, the dogs shall not pass through serious epizootic disease infected areas, and shall not have contact with animals not of the same consignment.

* Individual pet dogs shall meet the requirements found in item 3 above, the vaccination requirements in item 5, the treatments in item 6, and the disinfection of crates in item 7 and the certificate requirements in item 9. The inspection of the dogs in item 8 can be conducted by the USDA accredited veterinarian.