

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF  
DOGS/CATS (1/3)**

**I COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

Any country except Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Republic of Ireland and Malaysia.

**II PURPOSE**

Any purpose.

**III IMPORT PERMIT**

Each animal shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore.

**IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION**

The animal shall be accompanied by:

- (a) a veterinary health certificate bearing a date not more than seven (7) days prior to export and signed by a registered veterinarian of the country of export describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification of dog/cat and certifying to the effect that:
- (i) the dog/cat was examined by the registered veterinarian and found to be healthy, free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease and fit for travel at the time of export.
  - (ii) the dog/cat was at a minimum of twelve (12) weeks of age at the time of export.
  - (iii) the dog/cat has been examined by the registered veterinarian at the time of export and found to be implanted with a microchip that bears the identification code as that indicated in the veterinary health certificate and the vaccination certificate.
  - (iv) in the case of a dog under sixteen (16) weeks of age, the dog was vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Canine Hepatitis and Canine Parvoviral infection with at least two (2) vaccinations, four(4) weeks apart, and the second vaccination must be given at least two (2) weeks prior to export,  
OR  
in the case of a dog sixteen (16) weeks of age and above, the dog was vaccinated at least once not less than two (2) weeks and not more than one (1) year prior to export against Canine Distemper, Canine Hepatitis and Canine Parvoviral infection.
  - (v) in the case of a cat under sixteen (16) weeks of age, the cat was vaccinated against Cat Flu (Feline calicivirus and Feline viral rhinotracheitis, and *Chlamydia psittaci*) and Cat enteritis (ie Feline Panleukopaenia/ Feline Infectious Enteritis) with at least two (2) vaccinations, three (3) weeks apart, and the second vaccination must be given at least two (2) weeks prior to export;  
OR  
in the case of a cat sixteen (16) weeks of age and above, the cat was vaccinated at least once not less than two (2) weeks and not more than one (1) year prior to export against Cat Flu (Feline calicivirus and Feline viral rhinotracheitis, and *Chlamydia psittaci*) and Cat enteritis (ie Feline Panleukopaenia/ Feline parvovirus).
  - (vi) the dog/cat has been treated with a product effective against external parasites (fleas and ticks) between 2 and 10 days of export (*state active ingredient and date of treatment*), and with a product effective against internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) within 4 days of export (*state active ingredient and date of treatment*).
- (b) the dog/cat's original vaccination certificate, which bears also 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.
- (c) an export permit from the country of export.(This is waived if the veterinary health certificate is issued or endorsed by a government or government-appointed veterinarian of the country of export).

**V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT**

Not required.

**VI QUARANTINE**

Upon arrival the animal shall be vaccinated with an anti-rabies vaccine (irrespective of whether it had been vaccinated or not before import) and subsequently quarantined for a period of not less than 30 days. The animal must be at least 3 months of age at the time of vaccination. The owner or his agent is responsible for ensuring that quarantine space is available at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station.

**VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT PERMIT**

The owner or his agent must apply for the import permit by submitting an online application through AVA's website ([www.ava.gov.sg](http://www.ava.gov.sg)>[e-Services](#)>[Animals](#)&Pet Sector>Permit to Import/Export/Transship of Animals/Birds/Eggs/Biologics) 30 days prior to the arrival of animals. The Application and Acceptance for Quarantine of Dogs and Cats at Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station (SAQS) must be attached to the online application form.

**VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL**

The owner or his agent shall contact the Quarantine Office as stated in the Import Permit at least five (5) working days before the arrival of the animal.

**IX VETERINARY INSPECTION**

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the dog/cat and documents (Import Permit, Veterinary Health 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 taken to the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station by a Quarantine officer.

**X PENALTY**

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 prior to quarantine or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services. In addition the owner or his agent may be subjected to prosecution.

**XI FEES**

- (i) Import Permit }
  - (ii) Veterinary inspection and processing of documents outside office hours }
    - (iii) Detention fee at Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Unit } see Fee Schedule:
    - (iv) Rabies Vaccination } Attachment-1
    - (v) Transport charges to Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station }
    - (vi) Quarantine fee at Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station }

**XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION**

- (i) Owners should take into account the age and condition of their animals as well as travel and climatic stress when deciding to export their dogs/cats to Singapore.
- (ii) Owner must ensure that the animal has been transported in escape-proof containers conforming to the latest International Air Transport Association (IATA) 's Live Animal Regulations (if transport is by air).
- (iii) Owners of any dog above 3 months of age must apply for a licence to keep the dog in Singapore. See Fee Schedule: Attachment-1.
- (iv) Only one (1) dog of an approved breed is allowed in a Housing and Development Board (HDB) dwelling unit and no dog is allowed in other non-residential HDB premises. Not more than three (3) dogs are allowed in each non-HDB premises. No cat is allowed in a HDB dwelling unit.
- (v) A licence issued by AVA must be obtained to use any place for exhibition, sale or export of any animal or bird.
- (vi) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the owner or agent. Any loss occasioned during the removal, handling or treatment of an imported dog/cat under the directions of AVA or occurring during the period of detention in quarantine, shall be borne by the owner or agent.
- (vii) The following breeds of dogs and their crosses are not allowed to be imported into Singapore - Pit Bull(which includes 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 with other breeds) Neapolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Akita, Dogo Argentino, Boerboel, Fila Brasileiro and their crosses.
- (viii) The following breeds of dogs need to be muzzled while in a public place: Bull Mastiff, Bull Terrier, Doberman, German Shepherd with its related breeds such as the Belgian Shepherd and the East European Shepherd, Rottweiler and Perro de Presa Canario.
- (ix) The microchip that is implanted into the dog 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 stated ISO Standards, the owner of the dog or his



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authorised agent must provide a reader which is able to read the identification code of the implanted microchip at the point of entry into Singapore.

- (x) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by AVA.
- (xi) Additional information may be found in the application form.

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**FEE SCHEDULE FOR VETERINARY REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS/CATS (1/3), (2/3) & (3/3)**

**(1) IMPORT PERMIT**

- a) commercial purposes - \$87.00 per consignment
- b) personal pets - \$50.00 per permit

**(2) VETERINARY INSPECTION AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS**

- (a) Professional Service Fee
  - \$ 63.00 per hour or part thereof
  - \$133.00 per hour or part thereof (outside office hours or on an urgent basis)
- (b) Technical Service Fee
  - \$ 38.00 per hour or part thereof
  - \$ 80.00 per hour or part thereof (outside office hours or on an urgent basis)

**(3) ACCOMMODATION/DETENTION FEE**

- at Changi Animal and Plant Quarantine Unit (CAPQ)* - \$26.25 per dog or cat with feed per day or part thereof

**Contact of Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station**  
**10, Lorong Chencharu, Singapore 769197**  
**TEL: (65) 6482 2724**  
**FAX: (65) 6482 2726**

**(4) TRANSPORT CHARGE**

- (from Changi Animal & Plant Quarantine Unit to Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station)* - \$74.00 per animal per trip

**(5) RABIES VACCINATION**

- \$65.00 per animal

**(6) QUARANTINE FEE**

- (at Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station)*
  - \$16.80 per animal with feed and care (basic accommodation) per day or part thereof
  - \$26.25 per animal with feed and care (aircon accommodation) per day or part thereof

**A dog licence is obtainable at the Centre for Animal Welfare & Control, 75 Pasir Panjang Road, 7 ¾ km, Singapore 118507, Tel: (065) 6471-9987**

**(7) OTHER FEES**

- (a) Male Dog Licence - \$14.00 per dog
- (b) Female Dog Licence - \$70.00 per dog
- (c) Sterilized Dog Licence - \$14.00 per dog
- (d) Registration and Badge for dog - \$ 6.50 per dog

*(as at 01 Aug 2006)*