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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF COSTA RICA
FOR DOGS AND CATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The dogs or cats must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian, and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

- 1 The dog/cat was examined and found to be healthy and free of any clinical signs of infectious disease. Note: In general this examination should be conducted within 2 weeks of the departure date.
- 2 The animals were vaccinated against rabies.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 See Certification Statement No. 2.
- 2 Animals over 4 months old must be vaccinated against rabies.

OTHER INFORMATION

- 1 It is recommended that a Federal APHIS FORM 7001, U.S. Interstate and International Certificate for Small Animals be used.
- 2 The accompanying health certificate should be made out at least in duplicate.
- 3 The health certificate does NOT need to be signed by a Notary Public, nor does it need to be stamped by the Costa Rican Consular office.
- 4 Animals exported in commercial lot numbers must be accompanied by an import permit. Personal pet dogs or cats do not need an Import permit.
- 5 The rabies vaccination certificate should accompany the health documents.