

COURTESY TRANSLATION

INFORMATION SHEET ON TRAVELS WITH DOGS, CATS AND OTHER PETS INTO OR THROUGHOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION

Since 3 July 2004 the import of dogs, cats and ferrets coming from non-EU countries (so called 'third countries') are regulated by the European Ordinance [EG] # 998/2003.

The purpose of this regulation is to protect from introduction and dissemination of rabies. The health requirements of pets are that they are required to be older than three months and vaccinated against rabies. They have to comply with the rabies condition in the third country of origin as well as the receiving EU-member state.

During passenger traffic a maximum of 3 pets of one species may be imported without an import license. The animals must not be destined for change of owner. The import of Pit bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and their crossbreeding is prohibited. Up to 3 domestic birds and rabbits may also be imported without an import license unless they suffer from a contagious disease which needs to be supported by a veterinary certificate.

The fee for the import examination is € 55.

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