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EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO GUYANA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

These notes provide guidance for the exporter. We cannot guarantee that they are correct. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

Note: This summary sets out, to the best of the Department's knowledge, the import requirements for Guyana as at August 1998.

A. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS - (see below for further information)

- Import licence from the Department of Agriculture, Animal Services Division, PO Box (1001), Georgetown, Guyana, South America.
- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA.
- Animals must have remained in Great Britain for at least 6 months or since birth.
- Rabies vaccination is not compulsory for animals which have been resident in Great Britain for the past 6 months or since birth. If owners wish to have their cats/dogs vaccinated, they may do so and be issued with a rabies vaccination certificate by a veterinary surgeon.
- Dogs must be **fully** vaccinated against distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis and parainfluenza virus in accordance with manufacturer's instructions (see note C2).
- Animals must be examined by the Official Veterinarian, not more than 48 hours prior to export.

B. NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPORTER

1. IMPORT PERMIT

No cat or dog may be imported into Guyana except in accordance with the conditions of an import licence issued in advance by the Animal Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture, PO BOX 1001, Regent and Vlissengen Roads, Georgetown, Guyana, South America.

2. EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 3076EHC should accompany all dogs and cats exported from Great Britain to Guyana.

The enclosed application form (EXA1) should be completed and forwarded to the local Animal Health Divisional Office. (List of local Animal Health Divisional Offices enclosed).

On receipt of your application form, the local Animal Health Divisional Office will issue the certificate to your nominated OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, who will then complete the certification.

An OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN is a official veterinarian who is appointed by DEFRA to carry out export certification.

If you do not know the name of a Ministry approved OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN your local Animal Health Divisional Office will be able to advise you of those in your area.

3. RABIES VACCINATION

Rabies vaccination is not compulsory for animals which have been in Great Britain for the past 6 months or since birth, provided that rabies has not occurred during this period.

If owners wish to have their animals vaccinated, they may do so and will be issued with an EXA25 (rabies vaccination certificate) from their veterinary surgeon.

Where appropriate, a copy of the vaccination certificate must be presented to the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN and attached to the export health certificate.

5. TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES

It is the responsibility of the exporter/agent to apply to the relevant authorities of the countries through which the animal(s) will travel for permission to transport the animals through these countries. Additional health certificate(s) may be necessary for these transit countries.

6. PROCEDURE ON ARRIVAL

Dogs and cats will undergo a veterinary examination on arrival at Timehri Airport or at the Customs Boat House, Georgetown. The Port Veterinary Officer must be notified at least 24 hours prior to their entry into Guyana. Dogs and cats arriving in Guyana without the required documentation will either be returned to Great Britain or destroyed at the port of entry.

C NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

1. RABIES VACCINATION

Paragraphs IV(c)(i) (if applicable) refers. Rabies vaccination is not compulsory provided that the animal has remained in Great Britain for the previous 6 months or since birth and rabies has not occurred during this period. If rabies vaccination is carried out the rabies vaccination certificate must be attached to the health certificate 3076EHC.

2. OTHER VACCINATIONS (IN THE CASE OF DOGS ONLY)

Paragraph IV d) refers. The vaccination certificates must be attached to the export health certificate. If two doses of vaccine are recommended as a primary course or for the vaccination of very young puppies, the second dose of vaccine must be administered and an adequate period allowed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in order for the animal to be protected prior to export. Booster vaccinations must have been administered in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify paragraph IV (e) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Local Animal Health Office on form EC 618.

4. SIGNING OF THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

The certificate must be signed and stamped with the official OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK.**

5. COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE TO BE SENT TO THE DVM

A copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of issue.

6. WELFARE

Exporters should be reminded that they must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of livestock. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Department at the following offices:-

ENGLAND Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Hook Rise South (Page Street), Surbiton, SW1P 4PQ;

SCOTLAND Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department, Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh EH14 1TW;

WALES National Assembly For Wales, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ.

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