

EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3945EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3945EHC. 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.

1. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

- Import via Australia, where quarantine is required;
- Import permit from the Chief Stock Inspector in Papua New Guinea;
- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA UK;
- Animals must have been examined by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, not more than 48 hours prior to export;
- Declaration of disease status;
- Vaccination and treatment of animals.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. IMPORTATION VIA AUSTRALIA

Dogs and cats may not be imported into Papua New Guinea directly from the United Kingdom. They must first undergo a period of quarantine in Australia. It is therefore essential that persons wishing to import their pet should, in the first instance, write to the Australian High Commission, Australia House, Strand WC2B 4LA for information regarding import and quarantine. Additional health certification may be required.

4. IMPORT PERMIT

The applicant must also write for permission to import from The Chief Stock Inspector, Department of Primary Industry, P O Box 2141, Boroko, Papua New Guinea. The name and address of both consignor (in Australia or New Zealand) and consignee (in Papua New Guinea), and breed, age and sex of the animal must be supplied.

5. STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

Paragraph IV. b) refers. Owners are required to make a written declaration to the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN stating that the animal(s), to the best of their knowledge and belief, have not suffered from disease or been in contact with diseased animals during the 30 days immediately preceding embarkation.

6. VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENTS

DOGS

Dogs should be vaccinated against Distemper, Canine Viral Hepatitis and Canine parvovirus at least 7 days but not more than 1 year prior to export.

CATS

Cats should be vaccinated against feline enteritis not less than 7 days and not more than 1 year prior to export.

TREATMENTS

Both dogs and cats should be washed with a licensed acaricide within 5 days preceding export.

Dogs (only) should be treated using Praziquantel within 14 days preceding export.

If vaccinations and/or treatments are carried out by a veterinary surgeon who is not also the certifying OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, the latter will need written evidence that they have been carried out. This may be in the form of vaccination certificates or a note from the veterinary surgeon.

7. WELFARE DURING TRAVEL

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

8. DISCLAIMER

This certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time and may not necessarily comply fully with the requirements of the importing country. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country. If these do not match, the exporter should contact the Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

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