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EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO GRAND CAYMAN AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE FOR 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 the Export Health Certificate 2933EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2933EHC. 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. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export Health Certificate 2933EHC may be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Grand Cayman and the Cayman Islands.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) 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 certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

Certified Copy Requirements – England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and

supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: provision of certified copies
Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the Department where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

All dogs and cats entering the Cayman Islands must be accompanied by an **Import Permit** issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture. You **must** provide evidence that your dog or cat complies with all the import requirements before the Cayman Islands Import Authoritiy will issue an Import Permit. The application form is located within the contents of this document. All correspondence and **copies** of the application documents should be written legibly in English, and can be submitted for consideration up to six months in advance of travel (see section B8 for further details). Submission options are listed below in order of preference:

Copies, scanned and emailed as attachments to ci.agriculturevs@gov.ky
Or via post to the PO box to: Veterinary Services Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 459 Grand Cayman KY1-1106 Cayman Islands.
Tel: (345) 947-3090 Email: ci.agriculturevs@gov.ky Website: www.doa.gov.ky

4. **IDENTIFICATION**

Each animal must first be permanently identified with a microchip transponder and a microchip implant certificate issued. Proof of the date of implant is required.

Microchips implanted as of 1st March 2019 must be 15 digit numerical Internationsal Standards Organisation (ISO) compliant. Identification using ISO compatible (10 or more alphanumerical character) microchips will be accepted only if implanted prior to 01 March 2019. The microchip number must be recorded on all documentation required for the importation of the dog or cat. Once implanted, the microchip must be scanned prior to completing each step of the importation process (e.g. prior to rabies vaccination, prior to rabies titre testing, at the time of health certificate examination prior to tick and tapeworm administration).

5. **CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

Paragraph III (a) refers. The examination should consist of visual inspection, supported as necessary by clinical examination, laboratory reports, and pathological examination of any animals in contact with the animals for export.

6. **RABIES VACCINATION**

Paragraph III (b) refers. After identification, a licensed veterinarian using an approved inactivated or recombinant vaccine must then vaccinate your dog or cat against rabies and issue a rabies vaccination certificate. If your veterinary clinic does not have a (rabies) vaccination certificate template, then the template provided in Appendix A should be used. Your dog or cat must be at least twelve (12) weeks old before the primary (first) rabies vaccine is given. Subsequent booster vaccinations must be administered in accordance with the World Small Animal Veterinary Association's (WSAVA) recommendations. Note that that following the initial vaccination or primary course of vaccination a booster vaccination must be given after 9 to 12 months and only after this can the interval for revaccination be extended to 2 or 3 years for those vaccine licensed for 2 or 3 yeary boosters. Please see the below appendix B Cayman Islands Guidelines for Rabies Vaccinations for Dogs and Cats. (adapted from the WSAVA vaccination guidelines for dogs and cats)

The microchip number must be recorded on the rabies vaccination certificate. Vaccination certificates without a microchip number will not be accepted. The rabies vaccination certificate must also contain the make, serial number, validity of the vaccination, and expiry date of the vaccine product used. If your dog or cat was vaccinated before being fitted with a microchip, it must be vaccinated again.

7. **RABIES SEROLOGY REQUIEREMENT**

Paragraph III (c) may be deleted because the United Kingdom is listed by the Cayman Islands as a territory with no rabies risk.
On this basis, rabies titre testing is not required for dogs or cats entering the Cayman Islands from the UK.

8. **ROUTINE VACCINATIONS**

Paragraph III d) refers. All current routine vaccinations must be recorded on the official health certificate. Failure to do so will result in a delay of the processing of the import permit.

Mandatory routine vaccinations for **dogs** include distemper, hepatitis, and parvovirus.

Mandatory routine vaccinations for **cats** include panleukopenia, herpesvirus, and calicivirus.

9. **OWNER'S DECLARATION**

Paragraphs III (h)(j)and (k) refer.

Paragraphs III(h)& (i): The OV must, after due enquiry, be satisfied as to the animal's residence and travel history and select/delete the relevant statements in accordance with the EHC. A written declaration should be requested from owner/exporter confirming animal residence and travel history.

Paragraph III(j): In the case of a dog, the OV must receive a written declaration from the owner/exporter confirming that the dog is not one of the prohibited breeds, or crosses of those breeds, specified in paragraph III(j).

Paragraph III(k): The OV must receive a written declaration from the owner/exporter covering the transport arrangements specified in

paragraph III(k), including the container requirements and the applicable direct-route or transit statement.

The signed declaration, or declarations, must accompany the animals for the full duration of the journey, and should be made available to the Cayman Islands authorities on arrival. OVs should keep copies of the declarations for record purposes.

Please note: Certain breeds of dogs or crosses of such breeds are not allowed to be imported into the Cayman Islands. Genetic material such as semen and embryos from these breeds is also not eligible for entry into the Cayman Islands. All applications for the importation of dogs into the Cayman Islands must be accompanied by a written declaration from the owner/agent of owner attesting that the dog to be imported does not belong to or is not crossed with one or more of the following breeds or type of dogs. In addition, the applicant must provide a colour photograph(s) of the dog at the time of application that shows the true likeness of the dog. These breeds include:

- Pit Bull Terrier and its breed types;
- Dogo Argentino and its breed types;
- Fila Brazileiro and its breed types;
- Japanese Tosa and its breed types; and
- any breed of dog or crossbreed of dog whose breeding lineage was for the primary purpose of dog fighting. (*)

(*) Please contact the Cayman Islands Departement of Agriculture for the list of breeds that fall under this category for the purposes of importation.

10. **TICK/TAPEWORM TREATMENT**

Paragraphs III (e) and (f) refer. Within 14 days of the scheduled date of travel to the Cayman Islands your dog or cat must be treated for tapeworms and ticks. The treatment must be recorded on the Official Veterinary Health Certificate.

- For tapeworms: a preparation containing praziquantel at a dose rate of 5mg/kg body weight or in the case of a heavy dog, at a dose rate not exceeding the manufacturer's recommendations.

- For ticks: a topical acaricidal preparation known to have systemic and residual action against ticks to be used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Approved product ingredients include fipronil, amitraz, pyrethrins, permethrins, and isoxazolines.

NOTE: The following products are NOT acceptable: Shampoos, collars, preparations that are licensed for control of fleas only (e.g. Program® Advantage®, Revolution® or Sentinel®).

11. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph III (i) on behalf of the Department provided that written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency – Customer Service Centre (APHA – CSC) in Carlisle or DAERA in Belfast on form 618NDC.

12. **TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS**

All animals travelling to the Cayman Islands must do so by the most direct route possible. Animals travelling by air must be carried in an

approved container, which meets standards set, by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

The animals must travel as manifest cargo. All documents accompanying the animal must be affixed to the container.

13. **WELFARE**

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport)(England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.
If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

14. **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 APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha
DAERA – Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk

APPENDIX A

PROOF OF VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

VETERINARIAN: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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PHONE NUMBER: .....

PET OWNER: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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PHONE NUMBER: .....

PET INFORMATION	
MICROCHIP NUMBER	
NAME	
DOG*/CAT*	
BREED	
SEX AND STATUS	MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ SPAYED*/NEUTERED* ☐ INTACT ☐
COLOUR/DESCRIPTION	
AGE	

VACCINATIONS PERFORMED		
VACCINE MAKE, SERIAL NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE (DD/MM/YY)	DATE OF ADMINISTRATION (DD/MM/YY)	VACCINATION VALID UNTIL (DD/MM/YY)

SIGNED: ..... **DATE:** .....

CLINIC STAMP