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Import of dogs and cats for commercial Purposes, from Third Countries and intended for Portugal ¹⁾

(Includes animals not intended for commercial purposes who travel alone and animals transferred to another owner)

THE ENTRY OF DOGS AND CATS IS ONLY ALLOWED IF THEY ARE OVER 12 WEEKS, WITH A VALID RABIES VACCINATION AND IF THEY COME FROM COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE LISTS IN ANNEX I TO [COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION \(EU\) 218/659](#) (except those for which a time limit is indicated in column 16), IN ANNEX II PART 1 TO [REGULATION \(EU\) NO 206/2010](#) AND IN ANNEX II PART 2 TO [IMPLEMENTING REGULATION \(EU\) NO 577/2013](#)

THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS ENABLES THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH STATUS THEREFORE THE DATE OF VACCINATION CAN NEVER BE PREVIOUS TO THE IDENTIFICATION DATE

THESE RULES DO NOT APPLY TO ANDORRA, ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN, MONACO, NORWAY, SAN MARINO THE ANIMALS COMING FROM THOSE COUNTRIES FOLLOW EC RULES

1 – The animals from Third Countries from which import is permitted, are subject to the presentation of a Health Certificate in accordance with the model set out in Part 1 of the Annex to the [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2019/294](#), issued by an official veterinarian certifying that:

- a) They come from holdings or businesses that were registered by the competent authority, which are not subject to any prohibition on animal health grounds, where the animals are regularly examined and that comply with the requirements ensuring their welfare;
- b) They did not show any signs of diseases and were fit to be transported to the intended journey at the time they were examined by a veterinarian authorized by the competent authority within 48 hours prior to shipment;
- c) They are identified by an electronic identification system (microchip) according to the ISO Standard 11784 and using HDX or FDX-B technology and able to be read by a reading device that is compatible with ISO Standard 11785 or tattoo (this one is allowed if done until 03.07.2011 and presented proof thereof). **The date of identification cannot be later than the date of vaccination;**
- d) A valid anti-rabies ²⁾ vaccination/revaccination;
- e) A neutralizing antibody titration, equal to or greater than 0, 5 UI/ml, performed in a laboratory approved by the Community ³⁾, carried out on a sample taken at least 30 days after anti-rabies vaccination/revaccination and 3 months before movement, by a veterinarian authorized by the competent authority of the country of origin and any subsequent revaccination was carried out within the period of validity of the previous vaccination.

2 – However, animals from Third Countries listed on **PART 2 of ANNEX II to [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 577/2013](#)**, are not subject to the titration of antibodies provided in **1-e)**.

3 – In addition to these rules, dogs and cats coming from **Malaysia (Peninsula)** and cats coming from **Australia**, are subject to protection measures established in [Decision 2006/146/EC](#).



- 1) The entry Border Control Post (BCP) should be informed of the arrival of the animals with at least one working day in advance, and the fees established by law will be applied. The information to the BCP is necessarily made through a network system (**TRACES**) and therefore the BCP should be contacted in advance. The list of approved BCP can be consulted at the following address:
« https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/vet-border-control/bip-contacts_en »
- 2) Anti-rabies vaccination is considered valid if it meets the validity requirements set out in Annex III to **Implementation Regulation (EU) No 576/2013**, namely if at least 21 days elapse from the completion of the primary rabies vaccination and any subsequent revaccination was carried out within the period of validity of the previous vaccination.
- 3) The list of approved laboratories can be obtained at the following EU website:
« https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/pet-movement/approved-labs_en »