

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF DOGS OR CATS
FOR EXPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

ISSUING AUTHORITY: _____

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: _____

A. DESCRIPTION:

1. Number and Identification of animals:

	SPECIES	BREED	SEX	AGE	COLOUR	NAME/ID no.
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2.						
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4.						
5.						
6.						

2. Directorate of Animal Health, R.SA. import licence no: _____

3. **Origin of animal(s)**

3.1 Name and address of consignor: _____

3.2 Address of premises of origin of animal(s): _____

4. **Destination of animal(s):**

4.1 Name and address of consignee: _____

4.2 Means of transport (flight no/vessel name) _____

4.3 Address of premises at final destination _____

B. HEALTH ATTESTATION

I, _____ the undersigned government veterinarian of the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country, certify that the animals described in section A:

After due inquiry I am of the opinion that the animals have either been continuously resident in the exporting country since birth, or have been continuously resident in the exporting country or South Africa for the last six months.

Originate from an area which is not under veterinary restrictions for any disease to which carnivores are susceptible.

Originate from a premise where there have been no cases of Rabies within a 25km radius, during the preceding six months.

Have been examined clinically by an official veterinarian **within 10 days** of export and were found to be free of internal and external parasites, contagious and infectious diseases to which the species is susceptible and fit to travel.

Did not, as far as is possible to determine come into contact with animals infected or suspected or being infected with rabies.

Have a valid (see note 1 on page 4) rabies vaccination, as stipulated below:

6.1	<u>Vaccination date of animal being exported to be completed for animals over 3 months</u>	6.2	<u>Vaccination date of dam/mother of animal being exported to be completed for animals under 3 months</u>

	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
1. 1			
2. 2			
3. 3			
4. 4			
5. 5			
6. 6			

6.3 Special Condition: (Delete which is not applicable)

In the case of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand:

6.3.1 have a valid rabies vaccination as described and completed above.

OR

6.3.2 the owner was informed that the animal(s) will have to be vaccinated against rabies in South Africa before it (they) will be released from quarantine.

- A) In the **case of dogs**, have been tested for the following conditions (unless the country of origin can be certified free from the disease under Section C) at an officially approved laboratory, using testing procedures described below, with negative results, within 60 days of export:

7.1	<i>Brucella canis</i> serum agglutination:-	test date	
7.2	<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i> card agglutination test and giemsa blood smear:-	test date	_____
7.3	<i>Babesia Gibsoni</i> Immunoflouresence antibody test and giemsa blood smear:-	test date:	_____
7.4	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> microfilarial filtration test:-	test date:	

B) In the **case of dogs**, the animal has as far as can be ascertained, been resident for the past 6 months in an area where Leishmaniosis is not prevalent and where the disease has not been diagnosed for the past 12 months in an radius of 100 km around the premises,

OR***

the dog has been tested serologically for Leishmaniosis with one of the tests described below at a laboratory capable of doing the test performed within 30 days of export, with negative results

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Test	Laboratory (+ telephone number and contact person)	Date tested	Result	Interpretation
Indirect Fluorescent antibody				
ELISA				
Direct Agglutination test				

Note: Test procedures are described in the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines, 1996. Animals subjected to post importation quarantine will, at the discretion of the Director of Animal Health of South Africa, be re-tested at the importer's expense

*** Delete as applicable

8. In the **case of dogs**, have been treated for the following conditions (unless the country of origin can be certified free of the disease under Section C) as prescribed below:

8.1 Trypanosoma evansi: from the date of negative testing until export with Suramin or Diminazene aceturate.

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

8.2 Dirofilaria immitis: from 3 months prior to export to the Republic South Africa at the required intervals (see note 2) with:

- Diethylcarbazine (6,6 mg/kg per os daily)
- OR
- Ivermectin (3-6 micrograms/kg per os monthly)
- OR
- Milbemycin oxime (0,5 mg/kg per os monthly)

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

Treatment must continue for 3 months after arrival in South Africa. I have informed the person in custody of the dog/owner of this condition and I confirm that this person has sufficient amounts of the drug used in possession to carry out the required therapy.

9. Will be shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which will be either new or suitably disinfected and fumigated before loading and are of such a nature that contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, is prevented.

C. DISEASE FREEDOM

IN THE CASE OF DOGS

The country of origin is free from Brucella canis or paragraph 7(A) 7.1 has been complied with, Trypanosoma evansi or paragraphs 7(A) 7.2 and 8.1 have been complied with, Babesia gibsoni or paragraph 7(A) 7.3 has been complied with and Dirofilaria immitis or paragraphs 7(A) 7.4 and 8.2 have been complied with.

Signed at _____ on date _____



(signature of) OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Official stamp

Name in print _____

Address _____

NOTES FOR IMP.DOG/CAT.GEN.2/96 rev 10/11/1999

Note 1: - The vaccine used must be a strain of anti-rabies conforming to a potency standard recognised by the World Health Organisation.

- The animal must have been vaccinated at least 30 days, but not longer than 12 months prior to export.
- Animals under 3 months of age may not be vaccinated and are considered to have a valid vaccination provided the dam of the animal concerned was vaccinated at least 30 days, but not more than 12 months prior to giving birth. NB Such animals must be vaccinated at 3 months of age against rabies, in the Republic of South Africa and the owners must inform the South African Veterinary Authorities.

Note 2: Heartworm drugs are not available in the Republic of South Africa and must be imported by the importer of the dog, at the time of the importation of the dog.