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### **Pet Travel: European Union and other countries**

**EU Member States:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom **Other Countries:** Switzerland and Norway (have adopted EU standards although not members)

**USDA Website:** <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/>

**Texas VS Website:** [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/area\\_offices/states/txie\\_info.html](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/states/txie_info.html)

#### **General Requirements**

- **Sequence: Microchip then rabies**
- **The pet may not travel until at least 21 days after the primary rabies vaccine.**
  - A primary rabies vaccine for this purpose is defined as **any** of the following:
    1. 1<sup>st</sup> rabies vaccination after the microchip was implanted
    2. 1<sup>st</sup> rabies vaccination after a lapse in coverage (i.e. microchip done in 2000, 1 year rabies done 1/1/11, next rabies done 1/15/12, two weeks after it was due)
    3. 1<sup>st</sup> rabies vaccination ever
  - If our office receives a form signed before this 21 day period, it must be accompanied by an owner's declaration indicating that the owner is aware that the pet may not travel until after the 21<sup>st</sup> day, and if they travel prior to the 21 day period elapsing, the pet may be refused entry or quarantined. Please contact our office for a copy of the declaration.
- Veterinarian issuing the health certificate must be **USDA accredited**.
- The health certificate is only valid for **10 days** from the date signed/issued by the accredited veterinarian until entry into the EU.
- For countries other than the United Kingdom (UK), the Republic of Ireland, and Norway requiring *Echinococcus* (tapeworm) treatment (see below) the health certificate may **not** be issued until **after** the treatment is done which effectively limits the validity to **5 days**.
  1. **Finland, Republic of Ireland, Malta, Norway, and UK** require tapeworm treatment for **dogs only** (within 1-5 days of **entry** into the country).
  2. The UK, Republic of Ireland, and Norway have indicated that they will accept certificates where tapeworm treatment is done **AFTER** USDA endorsement.
- No tick treatment or rabies titer is required for any EU countries effective 1 Jan 2012.
- **USDA endorsement is mandatory** (unless form is signed by a military VCO or GS0701 vet).
- There are two forms available to choose from:
  - **Non-commercial form** (Annex II, "Non-commercial movement of five or less dogs, cats or ferrets"); used if you have 5 or fewer pets that are travelling either with you or with an authorized individual. You **MAY** use this form for animals travelling unaccompanied if they are being transported under the supervision of an animal transport company, or if you can provide evidence that the shipment is non-commercial (contact our office for more info).
  - **Commercial form** (Annex I, "Imports of dogs, cats, ferrets and non-commercial movements into the Union of more than five dogs, cats or ferrets"); used if you have 6 or more pets, or are sending animals that are intended for resale.
- **Further information and comprehensive details regarding completion of these certificates may be found in the documents titled either "Pet Travel – EU Commercial" or "Pet Travel – EU Non-commercial".**

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## **Pet Travel: European Union and other countries (continued)**

### **Fee Schedule for Endorsement by USDA**

EU Health Certificate: \$38.00 for each certificate. No charge for one International Health Certificate for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001), normally \$38.00, submitted with the EU form. (If you submit multiple APHIS 7001s and one EU Annex form the fee is \$38.00 per 7001 and then no charge for the EU form.)

Make checks and money orders payable to: USDA APHIS. All credit cards are accepted. We do not accept cash. Please include a driver's license number on any check.

**Send your certificate(s) and payment to:** USDA, APHIS VS, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Export Section, Room 262, Austin, TX 78701

**ONLY SEND CERTIFICATES HERE IF SIGNED BY A TEXAS VETERINARIAN**

Completed certificates will be returned to you by regular mail unless a prepaid, preaddressed, (addressed from you to you), air bill is provided. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT A HANDWRITTEN LABEL UNLESS THERE IS AN ACCOUNT NUMBER LISTED FOR PAYMENT.** Always keep the tracking numbers so you can check with the delivery service to find out the status of your documents.

### **Walk-ins**

We accept walk-ins between 7:30am and 1:00pm. We can also either call you when your documents are completed or you may leave a prepaid, pre-addressed return air bill. Our office is open from 7:30am to 4:00pm M-F.

### **Miscellaneous Information**

- If there are problems with your documents we will contact the veterinarian. We will only contact the pet owner if we are unable to resolve the problem.
- Use the yellow pages to find a USDA accredited veterinarian. United States Department of Agriculture personnel can verify the veterinarian is accredited if you provide a name.
- The EU certificate is valid for **10 days** after signature by your veterinarian for entry into the EU, and then for 4 months, or until the date of expiration of the rabies vaccination, whichever is earlier, for further movement within the EU (non-commercial animals only).

### **Contact Information**

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