

IMPORT CONDITIONS - VETERINARY CERTIFICATES A AND B

Information packages are available to guide you through each step. These can be obtained from the quarantine station or from the AQIS website at www.aqis.gov.au/animal.

An official veterinarian: is a veterinary officer usually employed by the government veterinary administration in the exporting country. Official veterinarians generally do not work in a clinical setting. Official veterinarians are authorised to sign certificates on behalf of the government of the exporting country and have access to the government stamp. The official Veterinarian must complete the Veterinary Certificate B and endorse the Veterinary Certificate A.

Government approved/accredited veterinarian: Government approved/accredited veterinarians work in clinical settings. They have been approved/accredited by the government of the exporting country for the preparation (collection of blood samples, treatments etc) of pet animals for export. In addition to preparing the animals for export, the Government-approved/accredited veterinarian is also responsible for completing the Veterinary Certificate A, which should then be endorsed by an official veterinarian of the exporting country.

Veterinary Certificate A is part of the AQIS Import Permit. This certificate covers only one animal for one import.

Veterinary Certificate A must be completed by a Government-Approved Veterinarian.

Veterinary Certificate A can either be completed in its present form or used as a template.

Veterinary Certificate A must be in English.

Completed Veterinary Certificate A must accompany your pet to Australia.

Once the Veterinary Certificate A has been completed by the Government-approved Veterinarian, the Official Government Veterinarian (who completes Veterinary Certificate B) must also sign and stamp each page of this document.

Any corrections to the entries made on Veterinary Certificate A will only be accepted if the original entry has been struck through and remains legible and an Official Government Veterinarian has signed each correction (correction fluid must not be used).

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL

Name of animal.....

Age or date of birth: (must be older than 12 weeks at time of export)

Sex: (please circle) Male - Neutered male - Female - Neutered female

Breed:(Cats derived from a serval cat (*Felisserval*) are not eligible for import into Australia in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This includes cats derived from crossbreeding a domestic cat (*Feliscatus*) with a serval cat or with a savannah cat (*Feliscatus x Felisserval*). Any other wild animal hybrids, eg. Bengalcats, must be 5 or more generations removed from the original wild animal).

I have today scanned the animal and confirmed that the animal is identified by a microchip identical to that appearing on the AQIS Import Permit.

Microchip number:

Site of microchip:

Date of scanning: (day/month/year)

II. ORIGIN OF THE ANIMAL

After due enquiry I am satisfied that the cat identified in this certificate has been continuously resident in (Country of export)

(Please circle one of the options below)

(a) since birth, or

(b) Since being imported directly from Australia on(date), or

(c) for a minimum period of six (6) months immediately prior to export, and is not under quarantine restriction at the time of export,

The veterinary certificate must indicate the option that applies.

III. SANITARY INFORMATION

I, (Name in BLOCK LETTERS)

the undersigned veterinarian, being a Government Approved Veterinarian / Official Government Veterinarian (strike out whichever does not apply) of:

..... (Country of export), certify in respect of the cat described above that :

1. Rabies vaccinations:

The cat was vaccinated against rabies with an approved inactivated rabies virus vaccine within 1 year of export and in case of kittens the first vaccination was given when the cat was at least 3 months old.

Date of rabies vaccination: (day/month/year)

[The vaccination certificate does not have to be forwarded to Australia.]

2. Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Testing (RNATT)

The blood sample for this test was collected not more than 12 months prior to export and not less than 60 days prior to export.

For pregnant animals, the blood sample must have been collected not more than 12 months prior to export and not less than 150 days prior to export. (This time frame ensures that all pregnant animals are eligible for the minimum 30 days quarantine in Australia).

The blood sample for the RNATT was collected by myself on (date). Prior to collecting a sample for rabies neutralising antibody titre testing I confirmed, by scanning with a microchip reader, that the cat was identified by microchip bearing the following number:.....

The RNATT result was recorded asinternational units / millilitre.

[The laboratory report, or copy, must be endorsed by and Official Veterinarian and attached.]

3. Additional requirement - cats from Malaysia only

The animal was tested for Nipah virus by a serum neutralisation test at the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL), on a blood sample collected within 45 days of export, with a negative result. AAHL Phone + 61 5227 5000 Fax +61 5227 5555

Date of blood collection:.....

Result:.....

Laboratory report of the Nipah test result (or a copy endorsed by an Official Veterinarian) must be attached.

4. Vaccinations

The cat has been vaccinated against the following diseases at least 14 days and not more than 12 months prior to export.

Date of Vaccinations:

feline enteritis: : (day/month/year)

feline rhinotracheitis:

feline calicivirus:

[The vaccination certificate/s do not have to be forwarded to Australia.]

5. Ectoparasites (External parasites eg fleas, ticks)

Within 4 days prior to export the cat was treated with an approved parasiticide effective against ticks.

Product name:

Active ingredient/s:

Concentration:

Dates of treatment:

6. Anthelmintics (Internal parasites eg worms)

Within 4 days prior to export the cat was treated with approved anthelmintics effective against nematodes and cestodes.

Treatment for nematodes:

Product name:

Active ingredient/s:

Dose rate:

Date of treatment:

Treatment for cestodes:

Product name:

Active ingredient/s:

Dose rate:

Date of treatment:

7. Clinical examination

Within 4 days of export I have examined the cat and found it to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease. A thorough examination for external parasites, including visible or palpable ticks was performed with particular attention being paid to the body regions of the forelegs, chest, neck, head, ears, eyes, shoulders, axillae and inner thighs. In my opinion the cat is healthy and fit to undertake the journey to Australia and undergo quarantine in Australia.

8. Minimum age

After due enquiry I am satisfied that the cat is over twelve (12) weeks of age at the time of export.

9. Pregnancy and lactation

After due enquiry I am satisfied the female cat is not more than 3 weeks pregnant, nor supporting suckling young.

10. Endorsement of document

Veterinary Certificate A may be completed by a Government approved or Official Veterinarian. The Official Veterinarian who completes Veterinary Certificate B must also **sign and stamp each page of Veterinary Certificate A.**

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Name of Government approved or Official Veterinarian [The veterinary certificate must indicate the option that applies.]

Address:.....

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Date.....

Veterinary certificate B

Veterinary Certificate B is part of the AQIS import permit.

Veterinary Certificate B must be completed by a Official Government Veterinarian of the exporting country.

Veterinary Certificate B must be in English.

Completed Veterinary Certificate B must accompany your pet to Australia.

I,, (Name in BLOCK LETTERS) the undersigned Official Veterinarian of the government of(country of export) certify with respect to the cat described in Veterinary Certificate A that:

I have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the certification given in Veterinary Certificate A, and I am satisfied that the cat fully meets with the requirements of Veterinary Certificate A and B and is eligible for importation into Australia.

The cat is being consigned to Australia in a container of no lesser standard than that required in the International Air Transport Association Live Animals Regulation (IATA) Container Requirement 1.

The container will be sealed prior to loading on the aircraft/vessel with Official seal(s) bearing the number(s) or mark(s):.....

The construction of the container and the placement of the seals will be such that the container cannot be readily opened without breaking the seal/s.

I have sighted and endorsed all of the following documents which are attached:

- AQIS Import Permit
- Veterinary Certificate A
- RNATT laboratory report
- Laboratory report for Nipah virus - cats from Malaysia only

The rabies neutralising antibody titration test was conducted at an approved official diagnostic laboratory in accordance with one of the methods described in the *OIE Manual Of Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines*, on a sample collected no more than 12 months, and no less than 60 days prior to export and found to have at least 0.5 IU/ml of antibody in its serum

These documents may be copies or originals but the paperwork arriving in Australia must bear original signatures and stamps on each page.

Signature of Official Veterinarian	Stamp of Official Veterinarian

Date (day/month/year)

Name of Official Government Veterinarian.....

Address of veterinarian:.....

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Phone number.....

Fax number.....

E-mail contact.....

Travel to Australia

The complete AQIS Import Permit and completed Veterinary Certificates A and B must accompany your pet to Australia.

You must choose a travel container for your pet of no lesser standard than that required by "Container Requirement 1" of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations (your airline will have these regulations). These specify, among other things, that the container must:

- Be strong enough to prevent the animal escaping.
- Have ventilation totalling 16% of the surface area of the 4 sides.
- Prevent your pet from protrude its nose, paws or tail from the container.
- Be large enough to permit the animal to stand in a natural position, turn around and lie down.
- Contain a drinking bowl to which water can be added without opening the container.

Your pet may transit (touch down but stay on the same aircraft) any country en route. Your pet may tranship (change aircraft) in any country en route. Your pet must not leave the international side of the airport. Your pet may not be eligible for import if these requirements are not met.

If the container is opened during travel it should be resealed and a certificate should be provided by an Official Veterinarian, or Captain of the aircraft detailing the circumstances. Instructions to this effect should be attached to the outside of the container before departure from the port of export. Your pet may not be eligible for import if these requirements are not met.

On arrival in Australia

Your pet will be transferred directly to its quarantine accommodation.

If the container is unsealed, or if the seal is broken, or if the accompanying documentation is unsatisfactory, or if any of these requirements have not been met, your pet may be exported from Australia, re-tested, treated or required to remain in quarantine until any exotic disease concerns are resolved.

During quarantine your pet may be subjected to any additional testing or treatment, as specified by AQIS, at the importer's expense.