



Guidance Document to the Import Health Standard For Cats and Dogs

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This guidance document has been issued to accompany the MAF Import Health Standard (IHS) for cats and dogs. **It is not a legally binding document** and, although it can be read independently of the standard, it should be read in conjunction with it to ensure that all matters relating to meeting the requirements of the standard are fully understood.

Importers are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with this guidance document and associated standard and to seek MAF guidance if they are unclear on any part, prior to undertaking any activities relating to the importation of cats and dogs.

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APPROVED COUNTRIES FOR CATS AND DOGS

AUSTRALIA

- No permit to import required.
- No post-arrival quarantine for compliant cats & dogs arriving at specified times of inspection.
- Post-arrival inspection required.

COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES RECOGNISED AS RABIES FREE

- Permit to import required.
- Post-arrival quarantine required (minimum 10 days).
- Post-arrival inspection required.

Bahrain	Isle of Man
Barbados	Japan
Channel Islands	Malta
Cyprus	Mauritius
Falkland Islands	New Caledonia
Fiji	Norway
French Polynesia	Singapore
Guam	Sweden
Hawaii (USA)	Taiwan
Iceland	United Kingdom
Ireland, Republic of	Vanuatu

SPECIFIED COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES WHERE RABIES IS ABSENT OR WELL CONTROLLED

- Permit to import required.
- Post-arrival quarantine required (minimum 10 days).
- Post-arrival inspection required

Antigua and Barbuda	Macau
Aruba	Malaysia (Peninsular, Sabah & Sarawak only)
Austria	Monaco
Argentina	Montenegro
Bahamas	Netherlands, The
Balearic Islands	Netherland Antilles
Belgium	Poland
Bermuda	Portugal
British Virgin Islands	Puerto Rico
Brunei	Qatar
Bulgaria	Reunion
Canada	Saipan
Canary Islands	Serbia
Cayman Islands	Seychelles
Chile	Slovakia
Croatia, Republic of	Slovenia, Republic of
Czech Republic	South Africa
Denmark	South Korea
Finland	Spain
France	St Kitts and Nevis
Germany	St Lucia
Gibraltar	St Vincent Grenadine
Greece	Switzerland
Greenland	Trinidad and Tobago
Hong Kong	United Arab Emirates
Hungary	United States of America
Italy	Uruguay
Jamaica	Virgin Islands, US
Kuwait	Wallis and Futuna
Luxembourg	

PACIFIC ISLANDS

- Permit to import required.
- Post-arrival quarantine required (minimum 10 days).
- Post-arrival inspection required.
- The model certificate for countries or territories recognised as free of rabies lists all of the requirements. If veterinary services are not available or are limited on the island of residence, dispensation may be granted for tests and treatments to be completed in post-arrival quarantine, and the requirement for official seals may be waived.

American Samoa
Christmas Island
Cook Islands
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Micronesia, Federated States
Nauru
Niue
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Pitcairn Island
Saipan
Solomon Islands
Tonga, Kingdom of
Tuvalu
Wallis and Futuna
Western Samoa

If your country is not on this list, your pet is not eligible for direct import to New Zealand. The options available are:

1. Move your pet to an approved country or territory where it must complete the six month residency and other requirements in the veterinary certificate for that country;

OR

2. Submit a request for inclusion of a country or territory in a veterinary certificate for cats and dogs. Requests will be prioritised quarterly subject to resource availability. Information provided by the government veterinary authority regarding rabies status and control measures, official assurance programs for veterinary certification and diagnostic laboratories, and controls on animal movement will be assessed. This information will be assessed in cooperation with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), as New Zealand and AQIS have a formal agreement on harmonization of country approval for cat and dog imports. Contact animalimports@maf.govt.nz for further information.

MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE A FOR CATS AND DOGS FROM AUSTRALIA

I,, a veterinarian registered to practice in Australia, certify the following:

IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Microchip number	Breed	Sex/ Neutered or entire	Age

ORIGIN OF ANIMALS

Name and address of exporter:.....

Place of origin of animals:

Port of departure:

DESTINATION OF ANIMALS

Name and address of importer/consignee:

Means of transport:

Port of arrival:

I have scanned and confirmed the **microchip number(s)** above.

This number is recorded on all test results and treatment records.

After due enquiry and inspection, I am satisfied that the cat or dog:

- a. will be more than eight weeks of age at the scheduled date of shipment and is weaned and fit for travel, OR the animal is at least six weeks of age and is accompanied by its mother;
- b. will not be more than 42 days pregnant at the scheduled date of shipment;
- c. has resided continuously in Australia for the six months (or since birth) immediately preceding export;
- d. is not one of the following prohibited breeds (including crosses of these breeds);
 - 1. American Pit Bull Terrier
 - 2. Brazilian Fila
 - 3. Dogo Argentino
 - 4. Japanese Tosa
- e. is not a hybrid (crossed with another species), with the exception of Bengal cats. Documentation of five generations of domestic ancestry must be provided for Bengal cats

HEARTWORM (*DIROFILARIA IMMITIS*) TREATMENT AND TESTING FOR DOGS

All dogs have been treated with **one of the following** within four days of travel (circle one):

- a. ivermectin at 6 mcg/kg
- b. milbemycin at 0.5 mg/kg
- c. moxidectin at 2-4 mcg/kg
- d. a current sustained-release injection of moxidectin (veterinary medical record attached)

Date of treatment _____

Dogs six months of age or older on the date of shipment have been subjected to a heartworm antigen ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) test with a negative result within 30 days of shipment;

Sample collection date _____

Note: Dispensation for the heartworm test will be given to New Zealand dogs in Australia for less than two months if the dog is accompanied by the New Zealand export certificate.

BABESIA GIBSONI TEST(S) FOR DOGS

The dog has been subjected to an indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) or ELISA test for *Babesia gibsoni* with a negative result within 14 days of shipment;

Sample collection date _____

OR

If the IFA or ELISA test result was inconclusive, or if these tests were not available, the dog has been subjected to two PCR tests for *Babesia* species or *Babesia gibsoni* with negative results on samples collected 30 to 37 days apart, with the second sample collected within 14 days of shipment.

First sample collection date _____

Second sample collection date _____

NOTE: Dogs diagnosed with *Babesia gibsoni* are not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

EXTERNAL PARASITE TREATMENTS FOR CATS AND DOGS

The **cat or dog** was treated by a veterinarian TWICE with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment.

The first treatment was given within 30 days of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment, and the animal was free of external parasites

First treatment/inspection date and product _____

The second treatment was given within four days of shipment and the animal was free of external parasites.

Second treatment/inspection date and product _____

INTERNAL PARASITE TREATMENTS FOR CATS AND DOGS

The **cat or dog** was treated TWICE with a product (or combination of products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose.

The first treatment(s) was given within 30 days of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.

First treatment date and product(s) _____

The second treatment (or course of treatment) was given within four days of shipment.

Second treatment date and product(s) _____

All tests were conducted at an AQIS or AQIS-approved laboratory

Within 24 hours of the scheduled date of shipment, I examined the animal/s and found it/them to be free from:

- clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases,
- external parasites, and
- (only for a dog that is not castrated or spayed) any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia.

The container in which the animal is to be transported meets the International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards and is clean, dry, and free of pests.

Veterinarian registered to practise in Australia

Name and address

Date

**MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE B FOR CATS AND DOGS
FROM AUSTRALIA**

I, an AQIS Official Veterinarian,
certify after due with respect of animal(s) for export to New Zealand identified in the
attached Veterinary Certificate that:

In the 12 months prior to the date of export there have been no cases of the following
diseases diagnosed in Australia:

- a. Canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*)
- b. Leptospirosis caused by *Leptospira interrogans serovar canicola*
- c. Rabies

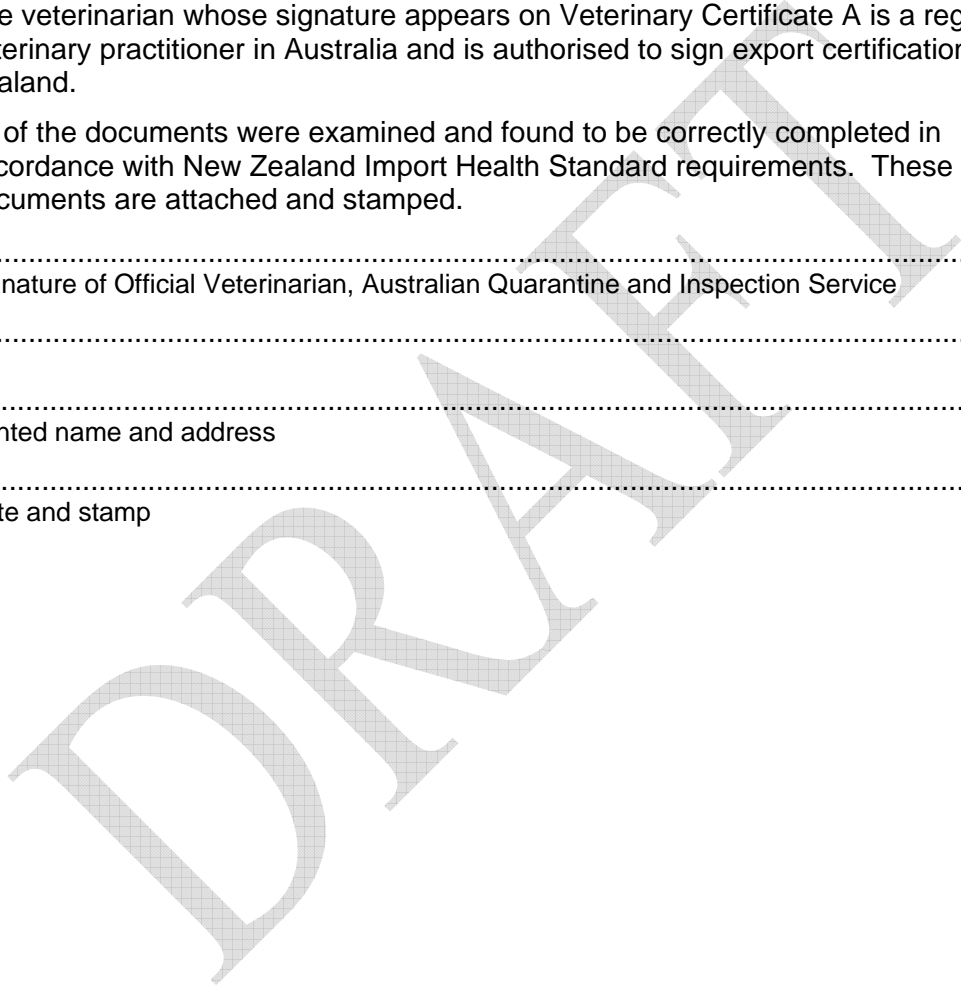
The veterinarian whose signature appears on Veterinary Certificate A is a registered
veterinary practitioner in Australia and is authorised to sign export certification to New
Zealand.

All of the documents were examined and found to be correctly completed in
accordance with New Zealand Import Health Standard requirements. These
documents are attached and stamped.

.....
Signature of Official Veterinarian, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

.....
Printed name and address

.....
Date and stamp



MODEL CERTIFICATE FOR DOG SHORT STAY (10 DAYS OR LESS) IN AUSTRALIA

Dogs travelling to Australia for 10 days or less may be given dispensation from Babesia testing if the following form is completed BEFORE leaving New Zealand. To request a short stay form please contact animalimports@maf.govt.nz at least 10 working days before your scheduled date of departure to Australia.

Your dog still requires an export certificate from New Zealand to Australia. This "Short Stay" certificate must be completed by your veterinarian in New Zealand, presented to the veterinarian in Australia, and accompany the dog on return to New Zealand along with Veterinary Certificate A for Cats and Dogs from Australia.

Dates of travel _____
Importer name _____
New Zealand Address _____
Breed _____
Microchip _____

Dispensation for *Babesia canis* testing will be given for dogs that have been treated for ticks as below. Heartworm testing is not required for dogs that have been in Australia for less than two months. **All other conditions of Veterinary Certificate A for Cats and Dogs from Australia must be completed.** Veterinary Certificate B is not required.

NEW ZEALAND VETERINARIAN TO SIGN BEFORE TRAVELLING TO AUSTRALIA

The dog has been treated with a product registered for tick and flea control at the manufacturer's recommended dose.

I, _____ being a registered veterinarian in New Zealand have treated this dog with a topical product registered for the treatment of ticks and fleas in dogs between 24 and 96 hours prior to the scheduled time and date of departure to Australia.

Signed _____
Date of application _____
Product _____

Some ticks in Australia can spread serious disease and are exotic to New Zealand. Preventive treatments are NOT 100% effective. Please check your dog thoroughly for ticks at least once daily while in Australia and remove any ticks found.

The dog will be examined for ticks and fleas on arrival in New Zealand.

Animal Imports
Phone 0800 008 333 (in NZ) or +64 4 894 0100 (outside NZ)
FAX 04 894 0733
animalimports@maf.govt.nz

**MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE A FOR CATS AND DOGS
FROM COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES RECOGNISED AS
RABIES-FREE**

I, _____, an Official Veterinarian or registered veterinarian of _____ (country or territory), certify the following:

IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Microchip number	Breed	Sex/ Neutered or entire	Age

ORIGIN OF ANIMALS

Name and address of exporter:.....
.....

Place of origin of animals:

Port of departure:

DESTINATION OF ANIMALS

Name and address of importer/consignee:

Means of transport:

Port of arrival:

I have scanned and confirmed the **microchip number(s) above**.

The microchip number is recorded on all test results and treatment records.

After due enquiry and inspection, I am satisfied that the cat or dog:

- a. will be more than 12 weeks of age at the scheduled date of shipment;
- b. will not be more than 42 days pregnant at the scheduled date of shipment;
- c. has resided continuously in _____ (country of export) for the six months immediately preceding export;
- d. is a not one of the following prohibited breeds (including crosses of these breeds);
 - American Pit Bull Terrier
 - Brazilian Fila
 - Dogo Argentino
 - Japanese Tosa
- f. is not a hybrid (crossed with another species), with the exception of Bengal cats. Documentation of five generations of domestic ancestry must be provided for Bengal cats.

INTERNAL PARASITE TREATMENTS

The **cat or dog** was treated TWICE with a product (or combination or products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose.

The first treatment(s) was given within 30 days of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment.

First treatment date and product(s) _____

The second treatment (or course of treatment) was given within four days of shipment.

Second treatment date and product(s) _____

EXTERNAL PARASITE TREATMENTS

The **cat or dog** was treated by a veterinarian TWICE with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment.

The first treatment was given within 30 days of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment, and the animal was free of external parasites

First treatment date and product _____

The second treatment was given within four days of shipment and the animal was free of external parasites.

Second treatment date and product _____

BRUCELLA CANIS TESTING FOR DOGS

The dog has been subjected to a rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT) with a negative result within 14 days of shipment;

Sample collection date _____

OR

The dog had a positive or inconclusive RSAT result and has been subjected to a tube agglutination test (TAT) with a negative result within 14 days of shipment;

Sample collection date _____

OR

The dog had a positive or inconclusive RSAT or TAT result and has been subjected to a cytoplasmic agar gel immunodiffusion test (CPAg-AGID) with a negative result within 14 days of shipment.

Sample collection date _____

OR

The dog had a suspicious TAT result and the test was repeated in 30 to 42 days with a negative result.

Sample collection date _____

NOTE: Dogs diagnosed with *Brucella canis* are not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

HEARTWORM (*DIROFILARIA IMMITIS*) TREATMENT AND TESTING FOR DOGS

All dogs have been treated with **one of the following** within four days of the scheduled date of departure (**circle one**):

- a. ivermectin at 6 mcg/kg
- b. milbemycin at 0.5 mg/kg
- c. moxidectin at 2-4 mcg/kg

OR

- d. a current sustained-release injection of moxidectin (veterinary medical record attached)

Date of treatment _____

Dogs six months of age or older on the date of shipment have been subjected to a heartworm antigen ELISA test with a negative result within 30 days of shipment;

Sample collection date _____

BABESIA GIBSONI TEST(S) FOR DOGS

The dog has been subjected to an indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) or ELISA test for *Babesia gibsoni* with a negative result within 14 days of shipment;

Sample collection date _____

OR

If the IFA or ELISA test result was inconclusive, or if these tests were not available, the dog has been subjected to two PCR tests for *Babesia spp.* or *Babesia gibsoni* with negative results on samples collected 30 to 37 days apart, with the second sample collected within 14 days of shipment.

First sample collection date _____

Second sample collection date _____

NOTE: Dogs with conclusively positive test results for *Babesia gibsoni* are not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

LEPTOSPIROSIS FOR DOGS

The dog has been treated with a therapeutic dose of doxycycline for 14 consecutive days within 30 days of shipment;

OR

The dog has been subjected to a microscopic agglutination test (MAT) for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* with a negative result within 30 days of shipment;

OR

The dog had a positive MAT of 1:400 or less for *L. canicola* within 30 days of shipment and has been subjected to a second MAT for *L. canicola* at least 14 days after the first test and showed no increase above the titre of the first test.

EXAMINATION

Within 24 hours of the scheduled date of shipment, I examined the animal/s and found it/them to be free from:

- clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases,
- external parasites, and
- (only for a dog that is not castrated or spayed) any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia.

Signature of Veterinarian

Printed name and address

Date

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**MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE B FOR CATS AND DOGS
FROM COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES RECOGNISED AS
RABIES-FREE**

I, _____, an Official Government Veterinarian of _____ (country or territory),
certify in regards to the animal identified in the attached Veterinary Certificate, that:

1. The cat or dog was inspected within 24 hours of travel and is
 - Healthy and fit to travel
 - Free of external parasites
 - Free of clinical signs of infectious disease
 - And (only for a dog that is not castrated or spayed) free of any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia.

All tests were conducted at a government laboratory or a laboratory approved by the Official Government Veterinary Authority of this country, and the results are stamped and attached to this certificate.

All the required documents were examined and correctly completed in accordance with New Zealand import health standard requirements.

The **microchip number was confirmed** as _____ and is recorded on all of the documents.

The animal was placed in a container that meets the International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. The container is clean, dry, and free of pests, and was fastened with an **official seal bearing the number or mark**

Signature of Official Government Veterinarian

Printed name and address of Official Government Veterinarian

Date and stamp

NOTE: **If seal is broken** before arrival in New Zealand the container must be resealed securely by an authorised Government Official and the new seal number recorded

**MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE A FOR CATS AND DOGS
FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES WHERE RABIES IS ABSENT
OR WELL CONTROLLED**

I, _____, an Official Veterinarian or registered veterinarian of _____ (country or territory), certify the following:

IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMAL(S)

Microchip number	Breed	Sex/ Neutered or entire	Age

ORIGIN OF ANIMALS

Name and address of exporter:.....

 Place of origin of animals:
 Port of departure:

DESTINATION OF ANIMALS

Name and address of importer/consignee:

 Means of transport:
 Port of arrival:

I have scanned and confirmed the **microchip number** _____, which is recorded on all test results and treatment records.

After due enquiry and inspection, I am satisfied that the cat or dog:

- a. will be more than nine months of age at the scheduled date of shipment;
- b. will not be more than 42 days pregnant at the scheduled date of shipment;
- c. has resided continuously in _____ (country of export) for the six months immediately preceding export;
- d. is not one of the following prohibited breeds (including crosses of these breeds);
 - American Pit Bull Terrier
 - Brazilian Fila
 - Dogo Argentino
 - Japanese Tosa
- e. is not a hybrid (crossed with another species), with the exception of Bengal cats. Documentation of five generations of domestic ancestry must be provided for Bengal cats.

RABIES VACCINATION(S) FOR CATS & DOGS

The cat or dog has been vaccinated against rabies with a government approved inactivated virus vaccine or recombinant vaccine expressing the rabies virus glycoprotein;

in the case of a primary vaccination, the vaccine was given **not less than six months and not more than one year prior to shipment**, when the animal was at least three months old;

Date of vaccination _____

OR

if a booster vaccination, the vaccine was given **not more than one year prior to shipment**.

Date of vaccination _____

RABIES TITRE TEST (CATS & DOGS)

The cat or dog has been subjected to a FAVN or RFFIT rabies neutralising antibody titration test (as prescribed in the OIE *Terrestrial Manual*) on a sample collected **not less than three months and not more than 24 months prior to shipment**, with a result of at least 0.5 IU/ml;

Sample collection date and test result _____

INTERNAL PARASITE TREATMENTS (CATS & DOGS)

For internal parasites the cat or dog was treated TWICE with a product (or combination or products) registered for the control of nematodes and cestodes at the manufacturer's recommended dose. The first treatment was given **within 30 days of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment**.

First treatment date and product(s) _____

The second treatment was given **within four days of shipment**.

Second treatment date and product(s) _____

EXTERNAL PARASITE TREATMENTS (CATS & DOGS)

For **external parasites**, the cat or dog was treated by a veterinarian TWICE with a topical product registered for the control of ticks and fleas at the manufacturer's recommended dose and certified as free from external parasites at each treatment. The first treatment was given **within 30 days of shipment and at least two weeks before the second treatment**, and the animal was free of external parasites.

First treatment date and product _____

The second treatment was given **within four days of shipment** and the animal was free of external parasites.

Second treatment date and product _____

HEARTWORM (DIROFILARIA IMMITIS) TEST (DOGS)

The dog has been subjected to a heartworm antigen ELISA test with a negative result **within 30 days of shipment**;

Sample collection date and result _____

LEPTOSPIROSIS TREATMENT OR TESTING FOR DOGS

The dog has been treated with doxycycline at a therapeutic dose rate for 14 consecutive days **within 30 days of shipment**;

Dose and dates of treatment _____

OR

The dog has been subjected to a microscopic agglutination test (MAT) for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *canicola* with a negative result **within 30 days of shipment**;

Sample collection date and result _____

OR

The dog had a positive MAT of 1:400 or less for *L. canicola* within 30 days of shipment and has been subjected to a second MAT for *L. canicola* at least 14 days after the first test and showed no increase above the titre of the first test.

First sample collection date and result _____

Second sample collection date and result _____

BRUCELLA CANIS TESTING (DOGS)

The dog has been subjected to a rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT) with a negative result **within 14 days of shipment**;

Sample collection date _____

OR

The dog had a positive or inconclusive RSAT result and has been subjected to a tube agglutination test (TAT) with a negative result within 14 days of shipment;

Sample collection date _____

OR

The dog had a positive or inconclusive RSAT or TAT result and has been subjected to a cytoplasmic agar gel immunodiffusion test (CPAg-AGID) with a negative result within 14 days of shipment.

Sample collection date _____

The dog had a suspicious TAT result and the test was repeated in 30 to 42 days with a negative result.

Sample collection date _____

NOTE: Dogs diagnosed with *Brucella canis* are not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

BABESIA CANIS TREATMENT OR TEST(S) (DOGS FROM SOUTH AFRICA ONLY)

The dog has been given one injection of imidocarb dipropionate at 7.5 mg/kg IM between 21 and 28 days prior to shipment;

Total dose and date of treatment _____

OR

the dog has been subjected to an IFA or ELISA test for *Babesia canis* within 14 days of shipment with a negative result;

Date of test and result _____

OR

if the IFA or ELISA test result was inconclusive, or these tests were not available, the dog has been subjected to two negative PCR tests for *Babesia spp.* or *Babesia canis* with negative results on samples collected 30-37days apart, with the second sample collected within 14 days of shipment.

Date of first test and result _____

Date of second test and result _____

BABESIA GIBSONI TEST(S) DOGS

The dog has been subjected to an indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) or ELISA test for *Babesia gibsoni* with a negative result **within 14 days of shipment**;

Sample collection date _____

OR

If the IFA or ELISA test result was inconclusive, or if these tests were not available, the dog has been subjected to two PCR tests for *Babesia spp.* or *Babesia gibsoni* with negative results on samples collected 30-37days apart, with the second sample collected within 14 days of shipment.

First sample collection date _____

Second sample collection date _____

NOTE: Dogs diagnosed with *Babesia gibsoni* are not eligible for import, regardless of treatment.

HEARTWORM (DIROFILARIA IMMITIS) TREATMENT (DOGS)

All dogs have been treated with **one of the following within four days of travel**:

- a. Ivermectin at 6 mcg/kg
- b. Milbemycin at 0.5 mg/kg
- c. Moxidectin at 2-4 mcg/kg

OR

Veterinary medical records documenting a current sustained-release injection of moxidectin are attached.

Drug, total dose, and date of treatment _____

EXAMINATION

Within 24 hours of the scheduled date of shipment, I examined the animal/s and found it/them to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease, free from external parasites, and (only for a dog that is not castrated or spayed) free from any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia.

Signature of Veterinarian

Printed name and address

Date

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**MODEL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE B FOR CATS AND DOGS
FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES WHERE RABIES IS ABSENT
OR WELL CONTROLLED**

I, _____, an Official Government Veterinarian of _____ (country or territory),
certify in regards to the animal identified in the attached Veterinary Certificate, that:

The cat or dog was inspected within 24 hours of travel and is

- Healthy and fit to travel
- Free of external parasites
- Free of clinical signs of infectious disease
- And (only for a dog that is not castrated or spayed) free of any visible signs of canine transmissible venereal tumour on examination of external genitalia.

All tests were conducted at a government laboratory or a laboratory approved by the Official Government Veterinary Authority of this country, and the results are stamped and attached to this certificate.

All required documents were examined and found to be in compliance with the Import Health Standards requirements.

The **microchip number was confirmed as** _____ and is recorded on all of the documents.

The animal was placed in a container that meets the International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. The container was clean, dry, and free of pests, and was fastened with an **official seal bearing the number or mark:**

Signature of Official Government Veterinarian _____

Date _____ Official Stamp _____

Printed name and address of Official Government Veterinarian

NOTE: **If seal is broken** before arrival in New Zealand the container must be resealed securely by an authorised Government Official and the new seal number recorded

MICROCHIPS

Each animal must be identified with a microchip and the microchip number must be shown on all accompanying certification. The identity of the animal must be confirmed by reading the microchip each time a treatment, vaccine or test is performed.

The microchip must conform to the Dog Control (Microchip Transponder) Regulations 2005, conforming to New Zealand/International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) standards 11784:2001 and 11785:2001, or the importer shall ensure that an electronic reader is available to enable a MAF Inspector to identify the animal.

ARRIVAL TIMES FOR BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE FOR CATS AND DOGS FROM AUSTRALIA

Biosecurity clearance will require inspection by an Official Veterinarian. Provided advance notification of arrival has been given at least 72 hours ahead of the scheduled time of arrival, and the time of arrival falls within the following times, biosecurity clearance for compliant animals will be given at the border.

Auckland

0530 to 1830 hours (weekdays only)

Christchurch

1200 to 1800 hours (weekdays only)

Wellington

1330 to 1630 hours (weekdays only)

Please allow at least two hours from the time the flight arrives for the inspection and biosecurity clearance.

If a cat or dog arrives outside these hours, or arrives on a public holiday, or is not compliant with the requirements, or advance notification has not been given, it will be sent to an approved quarantine facility and must remain there until biosecurity clearance is given (within 72 hours).

The only exception will be for **assistance dogs** which meet the requirements in Appendix 1 of the Import Health Standard. Special arrangements can be made for veterinary inspection of assistance dogs, provided at least 72 hours advance notification is given. See notification contact details in Assistance Dog section.

QUARANTINE/TRANSITIONAL FACILITIES

FOR BOTH CATS AND DOGS:

Qualified Pet Services

150 Airfield Road
Takanini
Auckland
Proprietors: Vicky and John Lee
Ph +64 9 299 9539
Fax +64 9 299 9539
E-mail services@qualifiedpet.co.nz
Website www.qualifiedpet.co.nz

Pethaven Quarantine Services

71a Homestead Road
RD 1 Pokeno
Auckland
New Zealand
Proprietor: Robyn van den Brink
Ph/Fax +64 9 233 6301
E-mail pethaven@xtra.co.nz
Website www.pethavenkennels.co.nz

Canterbury Quarantine Services Ltd

Highfield Road
Aylesbury
PO Box 23158
Christchurch
New Zealand
Proprietors: Chris and Lindsey Ward
Ph +64 3 318 1279
Fax +64 3 318 1289
Email: wumba@xtra.co.nz
Website www.canterburyquarantine.co.nz

Shado-Lans Quarantine Facility

773 State Highway One
RD 31
Levin
New Zealand
Proprietors: Denise and John Clark
Ph +64 6 362 6184
Fax +64 6 362 6185
Email: shado-lans@xtra.co.nz
Website www.shado-lans.co.nz

FOR CATS ONLY:

Pussy Cat Lodge

29 Crowther Street
Avondale
Auckland
New Zealand
Proprietor: Gary Burch
Ph +64 9 828 3410
Fax +64 9 828 0455
E-mail trovan@xtra.co.nz
Website www.pussycatlodge.com

These are private facilities run by MAF-approved operators and supervised by MAF Verification Agency veterinarians.

Each operator sets their own schedule of charges, visiting hours, etc.

VACCINATIONS REQUIRED FOR CATS & DOGS ENTERING QUARANTINE

Cats: feline panleukopenia (enteritis), feline rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus.

Dogs: canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis, canine parvovirus, canine parainfluenza and *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (kennel cough).
Some facilities may also require vaccination for leptospirosis.

PERMIT TO IMPORT

A permit is required for the importation of dogs and cats from all countries except Australia.

Applications forms can be obtained from:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/forms>

Please allow a minimum of 10 working days for permit processing once all required documents have been sent. Copies are acceptable. These documents include:

- A completed and signed permit application form
- Booking for an approved transitional (quarantine) facility
- Proof of rabies vaccine and a copy of the rabies titre test, with microchip numbers on all documents for animals from specified countries where rabies is absent or well controlled.

Permits will be sent to you electronically.

Submit applications to:

animalimports@maf.govt.nz

or

FAX +64 4 894 0733

MAF Animal Imports

PO Box 2526

Wellington 6140

New Zealand

PHONE +64 4 894 0100 from overseas

Or 0800 008 333 in New Zealand

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand must be notified **at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of arrival** of any animal, including the flight number/ship number and arrival time.

Please use the following email address or phone number depending on the intended port of arrival of the animal:

Auckland

mqsakac@maf.govt.nz

00 64 9 909 8631

Christchurch

mqschc@maf.govt.nz

00 64 3 943 3803

Wellington

mqswlg@maf.govt.nz

00 64 4 894 4213

POST-ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATS & DOGS GIVEN BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

The importer shall be advised in writing of the action to be taken if their cat or dog develops any symptoms of illness or if ticks are found, as follows:

- The animal should be taken to a veterinarian.
- The veterinarian should be informed of the animal's import history.
- The Investigation & Diagnostic Centre (IDC) must be notified of any suspected exotic disease or pest by calling 0800 80 99 66.

ASSISTANCE DOGS

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ARRIVAL

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand at the first port of arrival must be notified at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of arrival of any animal. Notification must include the flight number/ship number and scheduled arrival time, so that arrangements can be made for an Inspector to meet the dog in the passenger terminal without undue delay to the assisted handler.

Auckland aklitbops@maf.govt.nz
Ph: +64 9 909 8615

Christchurch mqschc@maf.govt.nz
Ph: +64 3 943 3803

Wellington mqswlg@maf.govt.nz
Ph: +64 4 894 4213

Additionally, an Official Veterinarian at the first port of arrival must be notified to perform the post-arrival inspection and complete the Home Quarantine Agreement if applicable.

Auckland mqsakav@maf.govt.nz
Ph: 09 909 2706
Fax: 09 909 2707

**Christchurch
& Wellington** LiveAnimalGroup@nzfsa.govt.nz
Ph: 03 358 1777
Fax: 03 943 1742

ASSISTANCE DOG HOME QUARANTINE

I,....., the handler of the assistance dog imported into New Zealand and identified below, declare that the conditions detailed below and the period covered by this declaration have been fully explained to me. I undertake to comply with these conditions, acknowledging that my compliance is necessary for my dog to be exempt from confinement in a post-arrival quarantine facility.

IDENTIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE DOG

Microchip identification number:
Name:
Breed:
Sex:Date of birth:
Permit to import number:

During the period covered by the Assistance Dog Home Quarantine:

1. The assistance dog will be under my direct control at all times when not confined indoors at the address nominated by me (below) and specified on the permit to import.
2. No other dogs or cats will be present at the nominated address, except any other assistance dog(s) owned by the resident(s) at the nominated address. I undertake to ensure that any such dog(s) are subject to the same quarantine conditions as the imported dog.
3. No other mammalian pets or livestock will be present at the nominated address, unless specific written approval from the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager, MAF, has been obtained.
4. A veterinary officer may make arrangements to visit the nominated address to perform the tests and treatments specified in the conditions of post-arrival quarantine in the import health standard for the importation of dogs into New Zealand from the country of origin of the assistance dog. I understand that, in signing the Assisted Handler's Declaration, I agree to co-operate in this manner with the veterinary officer but that the veterinary officer may exercise powers under section 121 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 without my prior approval.

The period covered by this Assisted Handler's Declaration shall be days, from to, the period of post-arrival quarantine stipulated in the import health standard for dogs from the country of export.

.....
Signature of the Assisted Handler Date

.....
Address of home quarantine

.....
Signature of Veterinary Officer Date

BEDDING/CRATES

No straw or hay bedding is permitted in the crate. Only inert bedding is permitted, and any bedding or toys in the crate will be destroyed on arrival for ectoparasite control.

The container must comply with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations and be free of dirt and pests. Contact your pet exporter or see **IATA cage regulations for cats and dogs** at the following link:
<http://www.iata.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/CR1LAR36ed20091001en.pdf>

CHARGES

Biosecurity clearance: A fee will apply for the inspection and certification. Any additional costs must also be paid by the importer (e.g. destruction of any bedding/toys/garments, quarantine for non-compliant animals). For further information contact the port of arrival (contacts listed under advance notification of arrival).

Customs: Animals with commercial value, e.g. breeding, are subject to Customs charges.

<http://www.customs.govt.nz>

DEFINITIONS

ASSISTANCE DOGS

Assistance dogs are highly trained dogs for the purpose of assisting persons with a disability in the course of their daily lives. These dogs are trained and certified by recognised and accredited national and/or international organisations.

ASSISTED HANDLER

Person matched with an assistance dog for the purpose of being assisted in the course of their daily life.

INSPECTOR

A person who is appointed an inspector under section 103 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 to administer and enforce the provisions of the Biosecurity Act and controls imposed under the Hazardous Substances and New Organism Act 1996.

MAF

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of the Section 5.2 of the *Terrestrial Code* pertaining to principles of certification.

OIE CODE

Refers to the World Organisation for Animal Health *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*. Any reference in this standard to the **OIE Code** is to the most current as found on the OIE website: http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/en_mcode.htm

TRANSITIONAL FACILITY

A place approved as a transitional facility in accordance with section 39 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 for the purpose of inspection, testing, storage, treatment, holding or destruction of uncleared goods; or a part of a port declared to be a transitional facility in accordance with section 39 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

VETERINARY AUTHORITY

The Governmental Authority of an OIE Member, comprising veterinarians, other professionals and para-professionals, having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of animal health and welfare measures, international veterinary certification and other standards and recommendations in the *Terrestrial Code* in the whole territory.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

The cat or dog must be accompanied by the following documentation and the conditions of that documentation must be met:

- permit to import (electronic copy acceptable) issued by MAF, if required-see guidance document;
- original veterinary certificate (includes breed declaration)-see guidance document;
- required test results (original or certified copies); and
- all required laboratory testing must be conducted at a laboratory approved by the *Veterinary Authority* of the exporting country to conduct export testing.

The documentation must be:

- original, unless otherwise specified;
- attached securely to the shipping container;
- in English or have an English translation;
- clear and legible; and
- identified with the animal's microchip number.

DOGS RETURNING TO NEW ZEALAND FROM COUNTRIES WITH CANINE HEARTWORM

Recommendations for dogs imported from countries where heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*) is present:

- 1) The dog should be tested for heartworm seven months after importation to New Zealand.
- 2) Dogs travelling in countries where heartworm is present should be on preventive treatment according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

EQUIVALENCE

The import health standard has been agreed as suitable for trade between the exporting and the importing countries. It is expected that the consignment will meet the conditions in every respect.

Occasionally it may be found that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply with the specific requirements in this import health standard, but may meet the outcomes sought. In such cases, a permit to import application may be made, equivalence granted and a permit to import issued at the discretion of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand. The following information must be forwarded by the certifying government's veterinary authority for an equivalence to be considered:

- 1) which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred;
- 2) the reason the consignment is considered to be of an "equivalent health" status;
- 3) the reasons why the veterinary authority of the country of origin believes this proposal should be acceptable to the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and their recommendation for its acceptance.

Requests for equivalence should be sent to animalimports@maf.govt.nz

PROHIBITED BREEDS

The following breeds are prohibited in New Zealand. Purebred dogs or crosses of the following breeds cannot be imported:

- American Pit Bull Terrier
- Dogo Argentino
- Japanese Tosa
- Brazilian Fila

TIMELINE—see Veterinary Certificates for details

Determine if the animal is eligible by finding an Import Health Standard for the country of residence and reading the eligibility section.

An approved microchip (cat & dog) must be implanted before initiating any tests and treatments. The microchip must be scanned and the number recorded on all tests and treatments.

At least six months before shipment from specified countries

Rabies vaccination (cat & dog)

At least three months before shipment from specified countries

Rabies titre test (cat & dog)

At least two months before shipment (all countries except Australia)

Make reservation at quarantine facility (cat & dog)

Apply for import permit (cat & dog, all countries except Australia)

Within 30 days of shipment

First external parasite treatment (cat & dog)

First internal parasite treatment (cat & dog)

Heartworm test (dog)

Leptospirosis test or treatment (dog, all countries except Australia)

Within 14 days of shipment

Babesia test(s) or treatment (dog) [earlier if PCR test]

Brucella canis test (dog, all countries except Australia)

Within four days of shipment

Heartworm treatment (dog)

Second external parasite treatment (cat & dog)

Second internal parasite treatment (cat & dog)

At least 72 hours before scheduled time of arrival

Send advance notification of arrival to MAF at port of arrival

Within 24 hours of shipment

Inspection and official certification (cat & dog)

TRANSHIPMENT

Cats and dogs can only be transhipped via countries approved for import to New Zealand. See Approved Countries list in this document. Please check with your airline and/or pet exporter regarding transport arrangements.

YACHTS

All yachts arriving with animals on board must not berth in New Zealand but must go directly to one of the ports approved as a place of first arrival.

Refer to: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/enter/ships/yachts

Animals must be secured below decks on arrival at the port. The importer must immediately notify MAF of the presence of an animal on board and whether or not arrangements have been made for the animal to go to a quarantine (transitional) facility.

Refer to: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/commercial-transport-and-border-management/arriving-by-sea/new-clearance-procedures

Cats and dogs arriving on yachts must remain secured on board at anchor or mooring at an approved port until they either:

- 1) meet all requirements in the Veterinary Certificate for Cats and Dogs on Yachts (see Guidance Document) and are given biosecurity clearance, OR
- 2) leave New Zealand within six months of arrival.

OPTION 1 Biosecurity clearance

The cat or dog will go through all of the testing and treatment requirements, and then be free to travel throughout New Zealand.

Before arrival in New Zealand:

1. The animal must be **microchipped**. The microchip must be scanned and recorded on all vaccination, test, and treatment documents.
2. The animal must be **vaccinated for rabies** at least six months before it is eligible to come onshore, and must have been vaccinated within 12 months of coming onshore.
3. The animal must have undergone a rabies antibody test on a blood sample collected at least three weeks after the rabies vaccination and tested in a government approved laboratory for rabies serology. The blood sample date must be at least three months and no greater than 24 months before the dog or cat may come onshore.

4. During the six months prior to arrival the animal must have only visited, or been on a yacht that has berthed, in MAF approved countries.

After arrival in New Zealand:

5. **Other tests and treatments** - see Veterinary Certificate A for specified countries where rabies is absent or well controlled. These may be completed pre-arrival or in an approved quarantine facility.
6. For biosecurity clearance: The animal may be sent to the transitional facility stated on the permit once the MAF Biosecurity Inspector has verified that the necessary identification, quarantine and transport arrangements have been made. The Inspector is responsible for ensuring the animal is transported from the yacht to the approved transitional facility under secure conditions through the use of an officially sealed cage.

OPTION 2 Yacht moored at anchor with animal secured on board for six months or less (no biosecurity clearance)

1. The yacht must remain within the area specified by MAF at an approved place of first arrival. Not all places of first arrival are suitable for this and you may be directed to another port.

Refer to: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/enter/ships/yachts>

2. A MAF Inspector may allow ONE movement to a second approved port after assessing the containment risks in discussion with the Animal Imports & Exports Team Manager.
3. No offshore testing required.
4. No restrictions on countries visited.
5. No permit to import required.
6. The dog or cat remains secured.
7. Yachts may only remain mid-water. They may not land or berth at a marina.
8. This option is allowed for a maximum stay of six months. Weekly MAF inspection for compliance is required.
9. Treatment – a veterinarian must come on board to treat the animal for internal and external parasites under MAF supervision. Dogs must fulfil heartworm requirements.
10. If required by a MAF Inspector, the person in charge of any craft shall pay a **bond** not exceeding \$10,000 to ensure that the animal does not leave the craft without the permission of an Inspector.
11. **Failure to Comply:** Should the animal fail to comply with the requirements, the Master will be given the options of exporting or returning the animal to its place of origin at the cost to the importer or owner, **OR** euthanising the animal.