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| **Checklist for CATS** |  |  | It is recommended that you contact a professional pet exporter in your country to assist with arranging tests, treatments, flights, import permits, shipping crates, etc. Some airlines require a pet exporter to book flights for animals, as this adds assurance that all requirements will be completed at the appropriate time before departure. |
|  | Check that your cat is eligible for import into New Zealand:   * your country is an approved country for exporting cats to New Zealand * your cat is not a hybrid (offspring of a cat crossed with another species, with the exception of Bengals (conditions apply) * your cat meets the minimum age, residency, and pregnancy requirements (if applicable) | All cats | GUIDANCE DOCUMENT: Approved Countries for Cats and Dogs |
|  | Print out the model Veterinary Certificates A & B for your country category (1,2 or 3) | All cats | GUIDANCE DOCUMENT: Model veterinary certificates |
|  | Get an approved Microchip | All cats | The microchip:  i. Must be implanted before initiating any vaccinations, tests and treatments.  ii. Must be scanned and the number recorded on all vaccination and treatment records, tests and certification. |
|  | Rabies vaccination | Cats from Category 3 countries only | if this is your pet’s **first (primary) rabies vaccine** it must be given at least six months before shipment and no longer than one year before shipment **OR** If this is a **booster vaccination**, it must be given within one year of shipment |
|  | Rabies titre test | Cats from Category 3 countries only | Not less than three months and not more than 24 months before shipment |
|  | Make reservation at quarantine facility | Cats from all countries *except Australia* | As soon as you know your pet's date of departure  Quarantine Facilities for Cats and Dogs |
|  | Apply for an import permit | Cats from all countries *except Australia* | At least six weeks before shipment  Application Forms |
|  | If you need to bring medication for your cat | All cats on medication | The completed declaration with a copy of the veterinarian’s prescription label must be provided to a MPI Inspector before or on arrival in New Zealand. Generally up to a three month supply will be given clearance. For further information, contact ACVM. |
|  | First external parasite treatment **AND** first internal parasite treatment | All cats | In the 30 days prior to the date of shipment **and** at least two weeks before the second treatment |
|  | Second internal parasite treatment | All cats | In the 4 days before the date of shipment |
|  | Send advance notification of arrival to MPI at port of arrival | All cats | At least 72 hours before scheduled time of arrival |
|  | Inspection and official certification **AND** second external parasite treatment | All cats | In the 2 days before shipment Veterinary Certificates A & B must be completed and stamped |