



Import Permit for Pets (Cats/Dogs)

Terms & Conditions

1. Issuance of Import permit prior to importation, issued through the MOCCAEE web site (validity of permit is 30 days. It is not allowed to import pets with an expired import permit).
2. Cats and dogs will shipped in the luggage compartment rather than with the passengers and according to IATA conditions for pet animal transport.
3. The cats and dogs must be identified with a permanent microchip , and the chip number in the health certificate must conform with the chip No. which the animal bears.
4. The imported cats and dogs shall be accompanied with the following:
 - a. Authorized health certificate issued from the competent veterinary authorities in line with model of health certificate.
 - b. Vaccination document or passport which must include the animal microchip number , animal full description (species – color – sex – date of birth – any other distinguished marks) and fully meet all vaccinations in annex number (4)herein , and including vaccine name , manufacturing company , batch number , vaccination date , vaccine labels and any treatments given to the animal.
 - c. In case of import from a high risk Country, Testing certificate from a laboratory approved by the competent authorities in the exporting country done during a minimum period of 12 weeks and not more than 12 months prior to shipment date showing that the animals have been subject to (Antibody Titration Test) for rabies after a period not less than 21 days following the last date of basic (Initial) vaccination or that was after a booster dose in a previous valid vaccination period with a minimum level of (IU/ml 0.5) . This certificate can be substituted by recording the test result in the health certificate in paragraph 4-a of this article. .
5. The minimum age of an imported animal from the low risk countries will be 15 weeks in a condition that his age not less than 12 weeks when vaccinated and in accordance to the manufacturing company and minimum age of 27 weeks from the high risk countries.
6. Consignments of cats and dogs will be shipped directly from the exporting country and in case that the consignment will cross any other country , it must not mix with other pet animals during transit and that will be attested in the annex of the health certificate
7. In case an animal arrives from a high risk Country through a low risk Country of rabies , it must stay a minimum period of 6 months in the import country or undergoes the antibody Titration test for



Rabies after a minimum period of 21 days following the last date of basic (initial) vaccination or was vaccinated during a previous valid vaccine period with a minimum level of (IU/ml 0.5) .

8. Cats and dogs must be transported in clean boxes or cages.
9. Animal welfare Legislation and standards must be considered.

Cats and dogs residing in UAE

they must comply with the following health and technical requirements:

- A. Identified by microchip .
- b. accompanied with authorized veterinary certificate issued by the competent authorities in the exporting country.
- c. vaccinated against rabies prior exiting UAE, and this vaccination is valid on returning and in case that the vaccine is not valid before the returning , the animal will be dealt with the conditions of first import of dogs and cats
- d. They will be accompanied with a copy of the veterinary health certificate issued by the MOCCA while exiting.

Ban on the following dogbreeds to be imported into the United Arab Emirates:

Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed of dog , American Pit Bull Terrier breed of dog, American Staffordshire Terrier breed of dog, American Bully , Brazilian Mastiff (Fila Brasileiro), Argentinian Mastiff (Dogo Argentino), Any Mastiff or Hybrid, Japanese tosa or hybrid, Rottweilers breed or hybrid , Doberman Pinschers, Canario Presa, Boxer , Any mixed breed of above breeds of dog or their Hybrid

list of low risk countries :

Australia, Austria, Andorra, Aruba, Barbados, Bahrain, Belgium, Comoros, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, French Polynesia, Falkland Island, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Mauritius, Malta, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Portugal, Qatar, Singapore, San Marino, Seychelles, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Vanuatu

Service Fees

- Import permit fees of 500 Dhs for one pet (cat or dog),
- Inspection fees of 500 Dhs for each cat upon entry,
- Inspection fees of 1000 Dhs for each dog upon entry,

Payment should be paid by E-Dirham, MASTER or VISA card.



List A – Required Vaccinations for Dogs and Cats

Vaccinations for Dogs

- 1) Rabies, a valid vaccination applied according to instruction of vaccine manufacturer, initial dose should not be applied before 12 weeks of animal age.
- 2) Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)
- 3) Canine Parvo Virus
- 4) Infectious Canine Hepatitis.
- 5) Leptospirosis

Vaccinations for Cats

- 1) Rabies, a valid vaccination applied according to instruction of vaccine manufacturer, initial dose should not be applied before 12 weeks of animal age.
- 2) Feline Pan Leukopenia.
- 3) Feline Rhinotracheitis.
- 4) Feline Calicivirus

Important Notice

For noncompliance of import requirements there will be:

- A fine of (5000 Dhs) each animal.
- Pet will be rejected (on its owner expenses) or confiscated