



# Ministry of Agriculture

## BIOSECURITY SERVICE

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### CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE COOK ISLANDS

1. A Permit to Import animals from Australia to the Cook Islands must be obtained from the Director of Biosecurity Service, Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Each animal must be accompanied by a signed Statutory Declaration from the exporter detailed in Appendix 1 (attached).
3. Each animal must be accompanied by the International Animal Health Certificate detailed in Appendix 2, (attached) signed by an official veterinary officer of the exporting country.
4. Before unloading on arrival the documents required in sections 1 and 2 above must be presented to a Biosecurity Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands.
5. The animal must be consigned to the Cook Islands by air only as manifested cargo. In the event the animal is to transit through another country, the dog must not be off loaded.
6. The actual date of embarkation and the Airline/Flight number must be advised to the Biosecurity Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands. (telephone (682)28710, fax (682)21881), email: [biosecurity@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:biosecurity@cookislands.gov.ck) at the earliest opportunity and at least one working day before shipping.
7. The animal must be transported in accordance with the Recommendations for the Transport of Live Animals of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations as appropriate. Trans-shipment or offloading is permissible only in New Zealand. In such circumstances the animals must remain in their cages and within the confines of the airport.
8. The animal will be inspected and treated as necessary on arrival in the Cook Islands by a Biosecurity Officer and may not leave the quarantine area of the port of entry until a Permit to Land has been issued.
9. Any animal imported into the Cook Islands in contravention of any conditions of the Permit to Land (of which these conditions form a part) will be seized and may be destroyed or re-exported at the owner's expense.
10. The Import Permit is valid only for the importation/s specified. Any change in details or circumstances must be notified immediately to the Director of Biosecurity, who may endorse the Permit to Land accordingly.
11. This Import Permit may be cancelled at any time before shipment should the animal health and quarantine status of the exporting country change.

12. The following are Police Department requirements in regard to the importation of dogs into the Cook Islands as required by the Dogs Registration Amendment Act 1991.
- (i) All dogs imported into the Cook Islands also require a permit from the Police
  - (ii) The importation of the following breeds of dogs are prohibited:
    - Doberman
    - Pitt Bull Terrier
    - Bull Dogs
    - Rottweiler, or any other breed of dog that the Police may specify from time to time.
  - (iii) All dogs imported into the Cook Islands must be **neutered** or **spayed**.
  - (iv) Dogs are also required to be registered with the Police on arrival.

Part 12 of this schedule has been provided as a guide only. Importers are to consult the Police as the Ministry of Agriculture will not be liable for any errors made by the importer in regard to this part of this schedule. Contact person: Tuakana Miria@ [tuakana.miria@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:tuakana.miria@cookislands.gov.ck)

**DECLARATION BY EXPORTER OF DOGS BEING CONSIGNED TO THE COOK ISLANDS**

I,.....(BLOCK LETTERS), the owner\*/exporter\* of the dog described as follows:

Breed:.....

Sex:.....

Age:.....(years/months)

Description (including colour):.....

declare that:

- (a) during the 30 day period immediately preceding the date of export the dog has been free from symptoms of disease and has not been in contact with any animal displaying symptoms of disease;
- (b) the dog has resided in the country of embarkation for at least six months prior to export, or since birth if less than six months of age;
- (c) the dog will be at least four months of age on the date of export.

SIGNATURE:.....DATE:.....  
(Owner/Exporter)\*

ADDRESS: .....  
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\*Delete whichever is not applicable.

NOTE: A separate declaration must be completed for each animal being exported.

**INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR DOGS FROM AUSTRALIA**

I.....being a full time Government Veterinary Officer of the exporting country hereby certify that:

1. after due enquiry I have no reason to doubt the truth of the owner's/exporter's declaration attached;

2. I have identified the dog described as follows on (date) ...../...../.....;

Breed:.....

Sex:.....

Age:.....(years/months)

Description (including colour):.....

3. The dog described above was:

(a) vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus infection on (date).../...../.....; NOTE: This date must be at least one month and not more than three months prior to export.

(b) at least seventeen weeks of age at the time of the parvovirus vaccination;

(c) treated for Hydatid tapeworm with praziquantel (Droncit) at a dose rate of 5 mg/kg within three days of departure;

(d) treated with an anthelmintic effective against roundworms and whipworms within three days of departure;

(e) washed twice with an effective insecticide solution at a seven day interval, the last being within three days of departure;

(f) examined within three days of departure and found to be free of clinical signs of disease and free of all ectoparasites (especially ticks);

4. No bedding of cereal or animal origin is accompanying this dog;

5. In the period of five years preceding export, Australia has been free from:

Rabies  
*Ehrlichia canis*

SIGNATURE:..... DATE:.....

Name and address: .....  
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NOTE 1: A separate declaration must be completed for each animal being exported.  
NOTE 2: All pages are to be endorsed with the organisation's official stamp.