



**Ministry of Agriculture
GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS**

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CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS FROM NEW ZEALAND

1. A Permit to Import animals from New Zealand 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 official veterinary officer of the exporting country.
4. Before unloading on arrival the documents required in section 1 and 2 above must be presented to a Biosecurity Officer of the Cook Islands Ministry of Agriculture.
5. The animal must be consigned to the Cook Islands only by air as manifested cargo.
6. The actual date of embarkation and the Airline/Flight Number must be advised to a Biosecurity Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Cook Islands telephone +(682) 28710, email moa.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.
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 Biosecurity 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 Import (of which these conditions form a part) will be seized and maybe destroyed or re-exported at the owner's expenses.
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 Import 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 Dogs Registrations Amendments Act 1991.
- (i) All Dogs imported into the Cook Islands also required 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 dog 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 importer in regard to this part of the schedule.

**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:.....(year/months)

Descriptions(including colour):.....

Declare that:

- (a) during the 30 days period immediately preceding the date export of 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 embarkment 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 complete for each animal being exported.

**INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR DOGS
FROM NEW ZEALAND**

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

1. after due enquiry I have no reasons 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 canine distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus infections on (date)..../..../.....; NOTE: This 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 insecticides 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 for animal origin is accompanying this dog;
5. In the period five years preceding export, New Zealand has been free from:

Rabies
Ehrlichina 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 stamps.