

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 56

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT, CHAP. 67:02

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTIONS 15 AND 23 OF THE ANIMALS
(DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT AND SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE
RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

THE ANIMALS (IMPORTATION) CONTROL (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2014

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animals (Importation) Citation
Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2014.

2. In these Regulations, “the Regulations” mean the Animals Interpretation
(Importation) Control Regulations. Chap. 67:02

3. The Regulations are amended in regulation 2, by inserting in the Regulation 2
appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions: amended

“ “approved laboratory” means a laboratory which is approved
by The World Health Organisation Collaborating Center
for Rabies Surveillance and Research for the
Fluorescent Anti-body Virus Neutralisation (FAVN)
testing of dogs and cats for the purposes of international
travel as published in the *Gazette* by the Ministry;

“Category 1 country” means a country in which no cases of
rabies have been reported within the last five years as
published in the *Gazette* by the Ministry;

“Category 2 country” means a country in which rabies is
controlled in domestic dogs and cats but may be present
in wild animals as published in the *Gazette* by the
Ministry;

“import permit” means a permit granted under regulation 3(2);

“Pet Passport” means an official document of the Pet Travel
Scheme (PETS) that records relevant identification data
of and health information for a specific dog or cat, and
allows that a dog or cat may travel easily between
member countries.

Regulation 4
amended

4. The Regulations are amended in regulation 4(1)—

- (a) by inserting after the words “San Fernando” the words “, Chaguaramas, Point Lisas”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “Crown Point Airfield” and substituting the words “A.N.R. Robinson International Airport”.

Regulation 5
revoked

5. The regulations are amended by revoking regulation 5.

Regulation 11
repealed and
substituted

6. The Regulations are amended by revoking regulation 11 and substituting the following regulation:

“Dog or cat from Category 1 and Category 2 11. (1) Subject to regulations 7 and 8, where a dog or cat is imported directly from any Category 1 country, the dog or cat shall not be landed unless—

(a) the dog or cat has been resident in—

(i) any category 1 country since its birth; or

(ii) one or more Category 1 countries for a total period of six months immediately prior to the period of its transportation to Trinidad and Tobago;

(b) the dog or cat has been fitted with, and can be permanently identified by a microchip, which satisfies the requirement of the import permit; and

(c) the owner or consignee of the dog or cat produces to the Inspector an official Veterinary Export Health Certificate, Pet Passport or other relevant document which—

(i) is in English or translated into English; and

(ii) satisfies the requirements of the import permit.

(2) Subject to regulations 7 and 8, where a dog or cat is imported from any Category 2 country, the dog or cat shall not be landed unless—

(a) the dog or cat has been resident in—

(i) Category 2 country since its birth; or

- (ii) one or more of Category 2 countries for a total period of six months immediately prior to the period of its transportation to Trinidad and Tobago;
- (b) the dog or cat has been fitted with, and can be permanently identified by a microchip, which satisfies the requirements of the import permit;
- (c) after being fitted with a microchip—
 - (i) the dog or cat was vaccinated against rabies using an inactivated or recombinant vaccine or any other vaccine which satisfies the requirements of the import permits; and
 - (ii) the microchip number, date of vaccination, name of vaccine, the manufacturer, the vaccine batch number and period of immunity are stated on the official Veterinary Export Health Certificate, Pet Passport or other relevant document;
- (d) the dog or cat was at least twelve weeks old when the primary rabies vaccine is given as stated on the Veterinary Export Health Certificate, Pet Passport or other relevant document;
- (e) at least thirty days after receiving the primary rabies vaccine, a blood sample from the dog or cat was taken to determine the titre level of protective antibodies against rabies by an approved laboratory using the Fluorescent Anti-body Virus Neutralisation test;
- (f) the results of the Fluorescent Anti-body Virus Neutralisation (FAVN) blood test referred to in paragraph (e) show a serum anti-body level of at least 0.5 IU/ml and the laboratory results bear the number of the microchip;
- (g) the dog or cat arrives at the port or aerodrome at least three months before immunity from the rabies vaccination expires; and

(h) the owner or consignee of the dog or cat produces to the Inspector an official Veterinary Export Health Certificate, Pet Passport or other relevant document which—

(i) is in English or translated into English; and

(ii) satisfies the requirements of the import permit.

Dog or cat
other than a
dog or cat in
Category 1 or
Category 2
countries

11A. Subject to regulations 7 and 8, where a dog or cat, other than a dog or cat to which regulation 11(1) or (2) applies, is imported into Trinidad and Tobago, the dog or cat shall not be landed unless—

(a) the dog or cat has been fitted with and can be permanently identified by a microchip, which satisfies the requirements of the import permit;

(b) after being fitted with a microchip—

(i) the dog or cat was vaccinated against rabies using an inactivated or recombinant vaccine or any other vaccine which satisfies the requirements of the import permit; and

(ii) the microchip number, date of vaccination, name of vaccine, the manufacturer, the vaccine batch number and period of immunity are stated on the official Veterinary Health Export Certificate, Pet Passport or other relevant document;

(c) the dog or cat was at least twelve weeks old when the primary rabies vaccine was given;

(d) at least thirty days after receiving the primary rabies vaccine, a blood sample from the dog or cat was taken to determine the titre level of protective antibodies against rabies by an approved laboratory using the Fluorescent Anti-body Virus Neutralisation (FAVN) test;

- (e) the results of the Fluorescent Anti-body Virus Neutralisation (FAVN) test referred to in paragraph (d) show a serum anti-body level of at least 0.5 IU/ml and the laboratory results bear the number of the microchip;
- (f) the dog or cat arrives at the port of entry or aerodrome—
 - (i) not less than six months after receiving the rabies vaccine; and
 - (ii) at least three months before immunity from the rabies vaccination expires; and
- (g) the owner or consignee of the dog or cat produces to the Inspector an official Veterinary Export Health Certificate, Pet Passport or other relevant document which—
 - (i) is in English or translated into English; and
 - (ii) satisfies the requirements of the import permit.

Dog or cat
returning to
Trinidad and
Tobago from
abroad

11B. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a dog or cat born in Trinidad and Tobago or resident in Trinidad and Tobago for a period of at least six months and returning to Trinidad and Tobago from abroad, shall not be landed unless—

- (a) the dog or cat was fitted with and can be permanently identified by a microchip, approved by the Chief Technical Officer;
- (b) after being fitted with a microchip—
 - (i) the dog or cat was vaccinated against rabies using an inactivated or recombinant vaccine or any other vaccine which satisfies the requirement of the import permit; and
 - (ii) the microchip number, date of vaccination, name of vaccine, the manufacturer, the vaccine batch number and period of immunity are stated on the official Veterinary Export Health Certificate, Pet Passport or other relevant document;

- (c) the dog or cat was at least twelve weeks old when the primary rabies vaccine was given;
- (d) at least thirty days after receiving the primary rabies vaccine, a blood sample from the dog or cat was taken to determine the titre level of protective antibodies against rabies by an approved laboratory using the Fluorescent Anti-body Virus Neutralisation (FAVN) test;
- (e) the results of the Fluorescent Anti-body Virus Neutralisation (FAVN) blood test referred to in paragraph (d) show a serum anti-body level of at least 0.5 IU/ml and the laboratory results bear the number of the microchip; and
- (f) the dog or cat—
 - (i) returns to Trinidad and Tobago at least three months before immunity from the rabies vaccination expires; and
 - (ii) satisfies the requirements of the import permit.

(2) A dog or cat referred to in subregulation (1) which does not meet the requirements of paragraphs (a) to (f) may be landed in accordance with regulation 11 or 11A as applicable.

Second
Schedule
repealed
Third
Schedule
amended

7. The Second Schedule to the Regulations is repealed.

8. The Third Schedule to the Regulations is amended by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence the following country:

“Argentina”.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2014.

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