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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT

UPDATED GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCES OF EXPORT

CERTIFICATION OF PETS GOING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)

Relative to the guidelines provided by the United States (US) Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) provides the following guidelines and are hereby prescribed relative to the export of dogs to the USA:

- 1. The dog is inspected and is free from screwworm within five (5) days before the date of departure and shall be the basis for the validity of the Veterinary Health Certificate (Export Certificate) issued by the National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD);
- 2. The dog that has been vaccinated against rabies in the USA by a US-licensed veterinarian may reenter the USA from a high-risk country without a CDC Dog Import Permit provided that they present a CDC Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Record (Annex A) or a rabies vaccination certificate. In addition, the dog should arrive at one of the 18 airports with a CDC quarantine station:
- 3. The dog with expired US-issued rabies vaccination certificates that will have their booster vaccination in the Philippines and vaccinated in the Philippines is required to use the CDC Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Record as proof of rabies vaccination for the application of CDC Dog Import Permit or make a reservation;
- 4. Three or more dogs coming from high-risk countries without a US-issued rabies vaccination certificate or a CDC Dog Import Permit, must arrive at specific ports of entry with a prior reservation at a CDC-approved animal care facility. All dogs must have a valid CDC Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Record and adequate rabies serologic titer or they will be required to complete a 28-day quarantine at the US animal care facility. This option is also available to exporters of 1-2 dogs who do not have a CDC Dog Import Permit;
- 5. All other requirements as stated in the Bureau's Memorandum Circular No. 12 Series of 2023 "Consolidated List of Country Requirements for Export of Dogs and Cats from the Philippines" shall remain in place; and
- 6. Exporters are advised to review additional federal regulations as well as rabies vaccination requirements of the state of destination which can be determined through https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/dogs.html.

All Memorandum Orders and Circulars previously issued inconsistent with the above-cited provisions are hereby amended accordingly.

For your information and compliance.

Done this 19th day of May





CDC RABIES VACCINATION AND MICROCHIP RECORD

This form is to be completed by the examining veterinarian

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Form available at: www.cdc.gov/dogtravel

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*The examining veterinarian must be authorized by the competent authority to practice veterinary medicine in the exporting country or be an official government veterinarian.

¹ Competent Authority means the minister, government department, or other authority having power to issue and enforce regulations, orders, or other instructions having the force of law in respect of the subject matter of the provision concerned.