

The Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974 (as amended)

Application for a licence to import a dog or cat for detention in quarantine

1. This form for animals which land and clear HM Customs in England/Wales should be completed by the owner of the animal or an authorised representative. It should then be sent or faxed to Defra, Quarantine Section, Area 211, 1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ. Telephone No. 020 7904 6222. Fax No. 020 7904 6834.
For animals which land in England but are transhipped to Scotland for clearance by HM Customs, or which land directly in Scotland, please contact SEERAD at:
 - Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh, EH14 1TY.
Tel No. 0131 244 6181/6182. Fax No. 0131 244 6616.
2. The application should normally reach Defra/SEERAD **at least 1 month in advance of the animal being landed into Great Britain, however we will be able to issue licences quickly for animals that fail checks under Pet Travel Scheme (PETS).**
3. Please complete this form in BLOCK LETTERS but before doing so, please read the Conditions overleaf.

1. Description of the animal

State dog or cat and breed	Sex
Approximate age or date of birth	Weight of animal (kgs)
Name	
Colour and distinguishing marks	

2. Country from which the animal is to be brought into Great Britain
3. Name and address (**in Great Britain**) of the owner of the animal

Telephone No. (inc. national dialling code) Postcode
4. Address **abroad** of owner (or representative) to which the import licence and other documents should be sent (see Condition 2 overleaf)
5. Port / Airport of landing in Great Britain
6. Approximate date of landing in Great Britain
7. Name and address of the authorised carrying agent engaged by the owner and to whom an import licence will be sent (please see Condition 1 overleaf)
Postcode
8. Name and address of the approved quarantine premises at which the owner has arranged for the animal to be accommodated for quarantine
Postcode
9. If you have tried to import your pet in accordance with the requirements of PETS, and it has failed the check, please provide a fax number so that the import licence can be faxed to you

I, the undersigned, apply for a licence to land the animal referred to above and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the particulars given above are true.

I declare that (*tick appropriate box*):

- the animal is my property
- I have authority from the owner to sign this form as his/her agent

I acknowledge that neither Defra/SEERAD is in no way liable to me for the loss, death or sickness of any animal while in transit or in quarantine detention in Great Britain. I have read the conditions listed overleaf.

Signature

Date

Data Protection Act 1998. Any personal data that you have provided in this application form will be used to process the licence for the importation of dogs and cats. It may also be used to provide an audit trail and to ensure the conditions that are attached to the import licence are being adhered to. In the event of a disease outbreak, the details on this application may be used for disease control purposes. Your personal data may also be used in aggregated form for statistical purposes.

Information (including personal data) may also be released on request, including under the Environment Information Regulations, the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Defra/SEERAD or its appointed agents may contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Defra/SEERAD provides to you.

CONDITIONS ATTACHING TO AN IMPORT LICENCE

Condition 1

For those pets which land at one of the **ports** specified in Condition 13, the carrying agent is required to board the vessel and take charge of the animal and deliver it to quarantine. For those pets which land at one of the **airports** specified in Condition 13, the airline is only permitted to hand over responsibility for the animal to the authorised carrying agent to deliver it to quarantine. For those pets being transported via the Eurotunnel Shuttle Service, the carrying agent is required to travel to France and collect the animal from the Calais Terminal at Coquelles and deliver it from there to quarantine. The animal must be taken by the shortest practicable route, at the owners' expense. In accordance with the conditions of the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974 (as amended) the animal will be required to remain there until authorised to be released by the Department (normally 6 calendar months from the date of landing) or longer in the event of:

- (a) an outbreak of rabies occurring at the place of detention; or
- (b) the animal sharing accommodation with another animal or other animals and any of those animals dying;

the animal may be detained for such further period as the Department may direct. (Sharing accommodation will only be allowed in prescribed circumstances, and provided both the owner of the animals and the Veterinary Superintendent of the quarantine premises give a written undertaking to the Department that certain conditions will be met. Sharing will only be allowed if permission has been given in writing by the Department).

During the movement the animal - except for dams and unweaned litters and animals authorised to share its quarantine premises - shall not be allowed to come into contact with any other animal. The Carrying Agent shall be responsible for the safe delivery of the animal at the said authorised place of detention. The animal must not be handed over during transit to the owner or any other person other than the representative of the Carrying Agent.

Condition 2

The animal shall be landed on or within the 6 calendar months immediately following the date specified in the Licence and only if contained in a suitable nose-and-paw proof secure container or crate. If consigned by air the container or crate must be of the appropriate International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards and the animal must travel as manifested cargo, in the freight compartment of the aircraft.

The relevant IATA design principle is that the container be large enough to permit the animal to stand in a natural position, turn around and lie down. In no circumstances will the animal be allowed to travel in the cabin compartment or as accompanied passenger baggage. Additionally, whether consigned by sea or air, it may be embarked or emplaned for a destination in Great Britain only if an import licence issued by the Department has been produced to the shipper, airline or rail company prior to shipment and a red label (Form ID 10) supplied by the Department has been completed and affixed to the container or crate or, in the case of dogs transported by sea, displayed in the vehicle containing the animal.

All containers used for the carriage of dogs and cats to or through the UK must be:

- (a) sufficiently rigid to prevent damage or distortion occurring during normal handling which could allow the animal to escape or be injured;
- (b) fitted with external lifting handles that provide adequate protection to handlers;
- (c) completely nose and paw-proof. Where mesh is used it should be:
 - (i) for cats - must be no thinner than 2mm (16 swg) with a mesh size no larger than 2.5 x 2.5 cm (1 x 1 in);
 - (ii) for dogs - must be no thinner than 2mm (16 swg) with a mesh size no larger than 2.5 (1 in) wide and up to 7.6 cm (3 in) high;
- (d) padlocked or fastened with a secure lock or bolt when in use;
- (e) fitted with a solid floor or tray.

Condition 3

As soon as practicable after arrival at the place of detention the animal shall either be vaccinated by the Veterinary Superintendent in charge, with rabies vaccine as specified by the Department or permission for vaccination to be waived for animals meeting Pet Travel Scheme (PETS).

Condition 4

At the request of the owner the animal may be licensed to move to another authorised quarantine premise.

Condition 5

In the event of the animal sharing accommodation with another animal or other animals and those animals becoming rabid during the period of their detention and isolation in quarantine, the Department may require the animal to be slaughtered.

Condition 6

Should the animal to which the Licence relates die or be lost while in Great Britain, the person in charge of the animal shall immediately report the death or loss by telephone or fax to the Secretary at the appropriate Department.

Condition 7

If the animal dies in quarantine, the Department may take, or require to be taken, such action as is considered necessary to determine whether or not the animal was infected with rabies at the time of its death and may dispose of the remains of the animal, or require them to be disposed of, in such manner as the Department thinks fit.

Condition 8

The artificial insemination of any animal detained under the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974 (as amended), whether from animals similarly detained or otherwise, is prohibited. Further, the artificial insemination of any animal not in quarantine from any animal detained under the above-mentioned Order is also prohibited.

Condition 9

Should the animal give birth to young while it is subject to the conditions of the Licence, the offspring will be detained in quarantine for the same period as the dam unless the Department directs otherwise.

Condition 10

The Licence must be produced by the person in charge of the animal on its landing for inspection by an Officer of H M Customs and Excise, and at any time on demand for inspection by an Officer of the Department or by the Police or county authorities.

Condition 11

If, after the issue of the licence it is, in the opinion of the Department impracticable or undesirable for the animal to undergo quarantine at the place of detention specified in Condition 1 of this licence, the Department may require the animal to be detained and isolated at approved premises other than those specified.

Condition 12

Animals may only be landed at the following places:

Ports

- Dover Eastern Docks
- Harwich, Parkeston Quay
- Hull
- Portsmouth
- Southampton
- Coquelles (Eurotunnel Terminal)

Airports

- Belfast
- Birmingham
- Edinburgh
- Gatwick
- Glasgow
- Heathrow
- Leeds
- Manchester
- Prestwick

Condition 13

Dogs and Cats may transit Malaysia (Peninsula) and Australia provided they remain within the perimeter of an international airport.

During transit between the place of landing and the authorised quarantine premises specified in Condition 1 of this licence, the animal shall at all times be confined in a suitable container or crate approved by the Carrying Agent also specified in Condition 1. The animal shall only be moved by authorised means of transport under the control of the Carrying Agent.

Condition 14

Cats from Australia must have not been resident on holdings where during the past 60 days cases of Hendra disease have been confirmed.

Condition 15

Dogs and Cats from Malaysia (Peninsula) must:

- (a) have had no contact with pigs during at least the past 60 days prior to export;
- (b) have not been resident on holdings where during the past 60 days cases of Nipah disease have been confirmed; and
- (c) have been subjected with a negative result to an IgC capture ELISA test carried out in a laboratory approved for testing for antibody against the Nipah disease viruses by the competent veterinary authorities on a sample of blood taken within 10 days of export.