

Bringing pets into Mexico (dogs and cats)

Requirements:

In order to bring a pet (dogs and cats) into Mexico, the following documents must be presented at the Office of Animal Health Inspection (OISA) at international airports and ports of entry into Mexico :

1. If the pet is less than three months, a "Certificate of Good Health" issued by an official authority or by a licensed veterinarian provided that his or her signature is approved in the United Kingdom and issued not more than 72 hours before the animal enters Mexico
2. If the pet is more than three months, the "Certificate of Good Health" must also state immunizations against rabies, distemper, hepatitis and leptospirosis. Any immunization must be administered at least 15 days before pet's arrival to Mexico, but not more than one year.

At the OISA your pet will be physically checked and that office will determine if the animal is allowed immediate entry or must remain in custody for an additional inspection. In the first case, it will be issued a zoo-sanitary importation certificate which is valid for eight natural days, which must be carried when leaving Mexico. In the second case, if the above said authorities retain the animal, they should also give you a voucher.

If your pet is coming from a country where foot-and-mouth disease or risk of that disease exists, it must receive a prophylactic treatment.

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- When you intend to introduce into Mexico three or more pets or any other animal species, you must fulfill the requirements established on the Zoo-sanitary Requirements Page (Hoja de Requisitos Zoosanitarios).
- Animals, plants and their products may enter Mexico depending on their country of origin and country's sanitary conditions. These procedures are to be strictly adhered to in order to prevent plagues and high risk diseases from spreading in Mexico.

Further information can be obtained on the following ways:

1. By visiting <http://senasicaw.senasica.sagarpa.gob.mx/hoja.asp>
2. By telephoning on: **0052 55 9183-1000 extension 33979**
3. By filling up an information application through the System of Information Applications:
<http://informacionpublica.gob.mx/>

