

## INFORMATION ON IMPORTING OF DOGS AND CATS INTO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### General

- ❖ A veterinary import permit is needed to import Dogs & Cats into South Africa.
- ❖ Cats are not routinely quarantined on arrival in South Africa. The cat must however have had a rabies vaccination not more than a year and not less than 30 days before being imported, must have a valid import permit and a correctly completed health certificate, signed and stamped by a government veterinarian of the exporting country.
- ❖ If a cat is being imported from a country that has active outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza (HPNAI) then the cat will be quarantined on arrival in South Africa. The quarantine is 14 days and during quarantine the cat will be tested for HPNAI and if the blood test is negative the cat will be released from quarantine. Please contact the Import Export Policy Unit to find out which countries cats are quarantined from.
- ❖ Quarantine of 14 days will be imposed on some dogs, depending on the country of origin of the dog. Dogs from the following list of countries below **do not need to go into quarantine on arrival in South Africa**. The dog must however have a valid import permit and a correctly completed health certificate, signed and stamped by a government veterinarian of the exporting country.

#### Europe.

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Poland, Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

#### North America

Canada and United States of America

#### Australasia

Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand,

#### Africa

Botswana, Comoros, Malawi, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Reunion.

#### Asia

Israel

#### South America

Argentina, Nicaragua

- ❖ If you are importing a dog from an island please contact the Import Export Policy Unit to find out if your dog will be quarantined on arrival in South Africa.

- ❖ All dogs and cats imported into South Africa must be permanently identified with a microchip (tattoos will not be accepted).
- ❖ The microchip must be able to be read by an ISO 11784 or ISO 11785 scanner.
- ❖ Dogs and cats may only be imported into South Africa via Johannesburg or Cape Town International Airports. Dogs and cats will not be allowed to enter South Africa via any other airport or port of entry.
- ❖ All dogs and cats imported into South Africa must be registered as manifest cargo and can **not** fly as excess baggage. The Directorate Animal Health does not have veterinary officials at the passenger terminal of Johannesburg and Cape Town International Airport to check the paper work of dogs entering South Africa via the passenger terminal of the respective airports. The dogs and cats can only disembark via the cargo terminal of the respective airports.
- ❖ If the airline will allow it the dog or cat may travel in the cabin with the owner but the animal must be registered as manifest cargo and the airline staff must take the animal from the owner on landing so that the animal can be off loaded from the plane via the cargo terminal.
- ❖ On arrival at the airport the **original** Veterinary Import Permit issued by the Directorate Animal Health and the **original** Veterinary Health Certificate signed, stamped and certified by Veterinary Authorities of the exporting country must be presented to the veterinary officials at the airport before the dog or cat can be released. The documents can either travel with the animal or the person collecting the animal must present the documents to the official at the airport. The latter is only for animals that are not going into Quarantine on arrival in South Africa. The paperwork of animals going into quarantine must travel with the animal.

### **Testing of Dogs**

- ❖ Before dogs can be imported the dog needs to be certified free from the following five diseases by means of blood tests. The dog's blood can either be tested in the country of origin or it can be sent to South Africa for testing.

<b>Disease</b>	
1	<i>Brucella canis</i>
2	<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>
3	<i>Babesia gibsoni</i>
4	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>
5	<i>Leishmania</i>

- ❖ If the Veterinary Authorities of the exporting country can certify that the exporting country is free from one or more of the above mentioned five diseases then the

dogs exported to South Africa do not need to have blood tests done for the disease that the exporting country is free from.

- ❖ We require the following test or tests to be used for the above mentioned five diseases

<i>Brucella canis</i>	serum agglutination
<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>	card agglutination test and giemsa blood smear
<i>Babesia Gibsoni</i>	Immunofluorescence antibody test and giemsa blood smear
<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>	microfilarial filtration test
Leishmaniosis:	Indirect fluorescent antibody
	or ELISA
	or Direct agglutination test
	or Western blot/membrane immunoassay

- ❖ If the samples need to be sent to South Africa, these must be sent by air, accompanied by a copy of the import permit, under cover of an air waybill/courier waybill for testing to –



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**TEL. NO.: 27/12/529 9272  
FAX NO.: 27/12/529 9275**

Please note that blood tests for dogs are only done on Fridays. Send the blood in early enough to give the laboratory sufficient time to do the tests. No requests will be granted for the above tests to be done on other days of the week. Contact the laboratory at the above telephone numbers to get more information on what samples have to be submitted and how the samples have to be packaged.

- ❖ Please note that any dog testing positive for any of the above mentioned five diseases will not be eligible for import into South Africa.
- ❖ Blood tests need to be done within 30 days of the date of export to South Africa.
- ❖ All dogs that have to be quarantined on arrival in South Africa will be retested for the above mentioned five diseases. This is regardless of the results of the blood tests done before the dog was exported to South Africa and is done at the owner's expense.
- ❖ Dogs found positive for the above mentioned five diseases will not be released from Quarantine.
- ❖ If, while in quarantine, a dog is found to be positive for *Brucella canis*, *Lieshmania* or *Babesia gibsoni*, the dog will either be returned to the exporting country or euthanized in the quarantine station. This will be done at the owner's expense.

- ❖ If, while in quarantine, a dog is found to be positive for *Dirofilaria immitis* or *Trypanasoma evansi*, the dog will be treated in the quarantine station or sent back to the exporting country. This will be done at the owner's expense.

### **Applying for a veterinary import permit**

- ❖ The required permit application form can be obtained from the Permit Office of the Directorate Animal Health.
- ❖ **Room G52, Delpen Building, c/o Annie Botha and Union Street, Riviera, Pretoria**

Telephone      +27 (0) 12 319 7514                      +27 (0) 12 319 7503/7406  
                         +27 (0) 12 319 7414                      +27 (0) 12 319 7632/3  
OR

Send the form to:

The Senior Manager: Animal Health  
Import Export Policy Unit  
Private Bag X138  
PRETORIA  
0001  
SOUTH AFRICA

**OR fax to:**                      +27 (0) 12 329 8292

- ❖ To obtain a Veterinary Import Permit you need to deposit the permit fee into the Department's bank account:
- ❖ **A payment of R100-00 for the import permit must accompany the application.**
- ❖ The payment's details are as follows:

**Name of bank:**                      Standard Bank of South Africa  
**Name of account holder:**      National Department of Agriculture  
**Account nr.**                            :      011219556  
**Branch**                                    :      010845  
**Name of the branch**                :      Arcadia  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE** :      **Reference** must be Importers Name & Surname

- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE:**  
***You are responsible for your bank charges as well as the Foreign Bank charges; the Department will not issue a permit if the full fee of ZAR 100.00 for permit is not received.***
- ❖ In cases where you are applying on behalf of someone please make sure that you pay under that person's name or company's name.

- ❖ Please take note that **no application will be processed without proof of payment.**
- ❖ Proof of the deposit must be faxed to: **+27 12 329 8292**; for attention: **Ina Labuschagne.**

OR

- ❖ A cheque for **R100-00** made payable to the Director-General National Department of Agriculture may be attached to the application form and posted to the above-mentioned address.
- ❖ Payments can also be made at the following office by the National Department of Agriculture:
  - ◆ **Head Office**  
C/o Annie Botha and Union Street  
Delpen Building  
Riviera  
Pretoria  
Tel. No. (012) 319-7461
  - ◆ **Kempton Park Quarantine Station**  
Mudfish Drive no. 3  
Bonaero Park  
Extension 3  
Tel. No. (011) 973-2827
- ❖ In cases where **quarantine of animals** is required, the importer must contact the Quarantine Officer at the port of entry:
  - ◆ Johannesburg Tel +27 (0) 11 973 2827 or Fax +27 (0) 11 973 2828
  - ◆ Cape Town Tel +27 (0) 21 551 2050 or Fax +27 (0) 21 551 1378
- ❖ The Quarantine Officer will **make the reservation for accommodation** at the Quarantine Station and must complete the applicable part of the application form.
- ❖ An Indemnity Declaration (in respect of imported animals or birds undergoing quarantine) must also be completed and attached to the application form. This Indemnity Declaration form can also be obtained from the Permit Office.
- ❖ Following receipt of the completed application form, a **Veterinary Import Permit** will be issued and sent directly to you.
- ❖ A **Veterinary Health Certificate** will also be sent to you with the Veterinary Import Permit. This needs to be completed, in English, by a veterinarian authorised thereto by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country, **within 10 days of departure.**
- ❖ The following must be presented to the South African Veterinary Import Control Officer at the **Port of Entry**:

- Original Veterinary Import Permit
  - Original Veterinary Health Certificate
  - Any other documentation specified, e.g.: Indemnity Declaration, Rabies Vaccination Certificate, etc.
- ❖ The Directorate Veterinary Services, Sub-Directorate Import Export Control in Pretoria will be able to assist you should any **further information** be required.

Contact persons:

<b>Mrs Ina Labuschagne</b>	<b>27 (0) 12 319 7514</b>
<b>Ms Celia Maluleke</b>	<b>27 (0) 12 319 7475</b>
<b>Ms Gertrude Mathebula (Fax room)</b>	<b>27 (0) 319 7414/7633</b>
	<b>27 (0) 12 319 7632</b>
	<b>27 (0) 12 319 7503</b>
	<b>27 (0) 12 319 7406</b>

- ❖ Please state on the application form whether the permit will be **collected or mailed** to you.
- ❖ Please also note that it takes three (3) to four (4) working days to process the permit if approved.
- ❖ In cases where the permit is going to be collected, please **confirm** with permit office telephonically whether the permit is ready before you come to collect.

### **Dogs & Cats from Neighbouring Countries**

- ❖ Dogs and Cats entering South Africa from Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Swaziland do not need an import permit. These dogs and cats need a health certificate that certifies that the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies in the last 12 months but more than 30 days before the date of departure. The cats and dogs need have a health check within 10 days of export.
- ❖ **This does not apply for dogs entering South Africa from Mozambique.** These dogs can only be imported into South Africa with a veterinary import permit. The dogs need to have the necessary blood tests (see testing procedure above) done prior to export and must be flown from Mozambique to either Johannesburg or Cape Town International Airports were the dogs will be placed in Quarantine for 14 days and will be re tested according to the normal protocol for dogs in quarantine. The dogs may not enter South Africa by road. An import permit is needed to bring cats into South Africa from Mozambique but cats can enter South Africa by road and do not need to be placed into quarantine.

### **Dogs & Cats from other African Countries**

- ❖ Dogs being imported from other African countries must have a veterinary import permit and cannot enter by road via one of our neighbouring countries. The dogs need to have the necessary blood tests (see testing procedure above) done prior to export and must be flown to either Johannesburg or Cape Town

International Airports where the dogs will be quarantined for 14 days and will be re tested according to the normal protocol for dogs in quarantine.

- ❖ Dogs and cats from **Malawi** do not need a veterinary import permit. These dogs and cats need a health certificate that certifies that the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies in the last 12 months but more than 30 days before the date of departure. The cats and dogs need to have a health check within 10 days of export.
- ❖ Cats from other African countries need a veterinary import permit and a veterinary health certificate that has been stamped and signed by a certifying veterinarian in the country of origin. This must accompany the cats. Cats must also have had a rabies vaccination less than a year but more than 30 days before the date of export. These cats can enter South Africa by road.

### **Dogs and Cats in Transit through South Africa to other African Countries**

- ❖ Dogs and Cats that are moving in transit through South Africa **by road** to other African countries are considered as normal imports and therefore need to comply with South Africa's veterinary health requirements. These animals need to have a veterinary import permit from South Africa. The dogs need to have the necessary blood tests (see testing procedure above) done prior to export.
- ❖ Dogs and cats moving
- ❖ All dogs and cats travelling in transit by air to SADC countries must be accompanied by a South African veterinary intransit permit for dogs/cats and must comply with the South African import health requirements for dogs/cats. The countries that this requirement applies to are: Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Swaziland, Lesotho, Zambia, Tanzania, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Kenya, Mauritius and The Seychelles.
- ❖ All dogs/cats travelling by air to countries other than the countries listed in the previous paragraph need not conform to the South African import health requirements for dogs/cats, provided these dogs/cats do not leave the customs area of the international airport in South Africa. These dogs/cats need to be accompanied by a standard South African veterinary intransit permit.
- ❖ If a dog or cat is travelling intransit from Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Lesotho or Malawi via South Africa to another country the dog or cat does not need to have an intransit permit from South Africa. The dog or cat must however comply with the requirements as indicated under the section of "Dogs and Cats from Neighbouring Countries" above.

### **Dogs leaving South Africa for recreational purposes (shows or Holidays) for a period of 10 days**

- ❖ A veterinary import permit for dogs travelling out of South Africa for recreational purposes is needed for the import of such dogs that have travelled outside South Africa for a short period of time.

- ❖ These permits will only be issued for dogs travelling to countries for which South Africa does not require quarantine.
  - ❖ The dog must be permanently identified with a microchip. The description of the dog, i.e. the name, breed, sex, colour and microchip number must be written on the application form when applying for the permit.
  - ❖ No blood tests are required for the dog to be re imported back into South Africa as the dog will not have been out of South Africa for 10 days and therefore the blood tests to be of any value as even if a dog is infected with one of the above mentioned five diseases the dogs will not show a positive reaction to the blood tests.
  - ❖ Instead of testing these dogs, the owners are required to take preventive measures to ensure that the dogs do not get infected with the diseases.
  - ❖ The dog must have a valid rabies vaccination. The rabies vaccination must have been done less than a year and more than 30 days before travelling.
  - ❖ If the country the dog is travelling to is not free from *Dirofilaria immitis* then the dog must, on arrival in the exporting country be put on one of the following medications as a preventative treatment for *Dirofilaria immitis* : Diethylcarbamazine (5-6 mg/kg per os daily), Ivermectin (6 micrograms/kg per os monthly), Milbemycin oxime (0,5 mg/kg per os monthly), Moxidectin (3 micrograms/kg per os monthly) or ProHeart SR 12 (subcut injectable yearly). The medication must be sufficient to treat the dog for six months.
  - ❖ If the country the dog is travelling to is not free from *Trypanosoma evansi* then the dog must be treated with either Suramin or Diminazene aceturate, according to the instructions for use thereof by the manufacturer on the day of departure back to South Africa.
  - ❖ If the country the dog is travelling to is not free from *Leishmania and or Babesia gibsoni* then the dog must be treated with an effective acaricide and with insect repellent registered in South Africa, before departure and throughout their stay.

Please contact Dr Charles Gilfillan, Chief State Veterinarian, Import Export Policy Unit, Directorate Animal Health, Department of Agriculture at telephone +27-12-319-7648 or e-mail [charlesg@nda.agric.za](mailto:charlesg@nda.agric.za) for more details on the import of dogs into South Africa.





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### SUBMISSION FORM FOR SAMPLE TESTING

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SENDER	TITLE	INITIALS	PERSON/ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCOUNT	TITLE	INITIALS
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			Coordinates/Farm registration no:		
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Number of specimen/s:			Purpose for testing:		
Collection date:					

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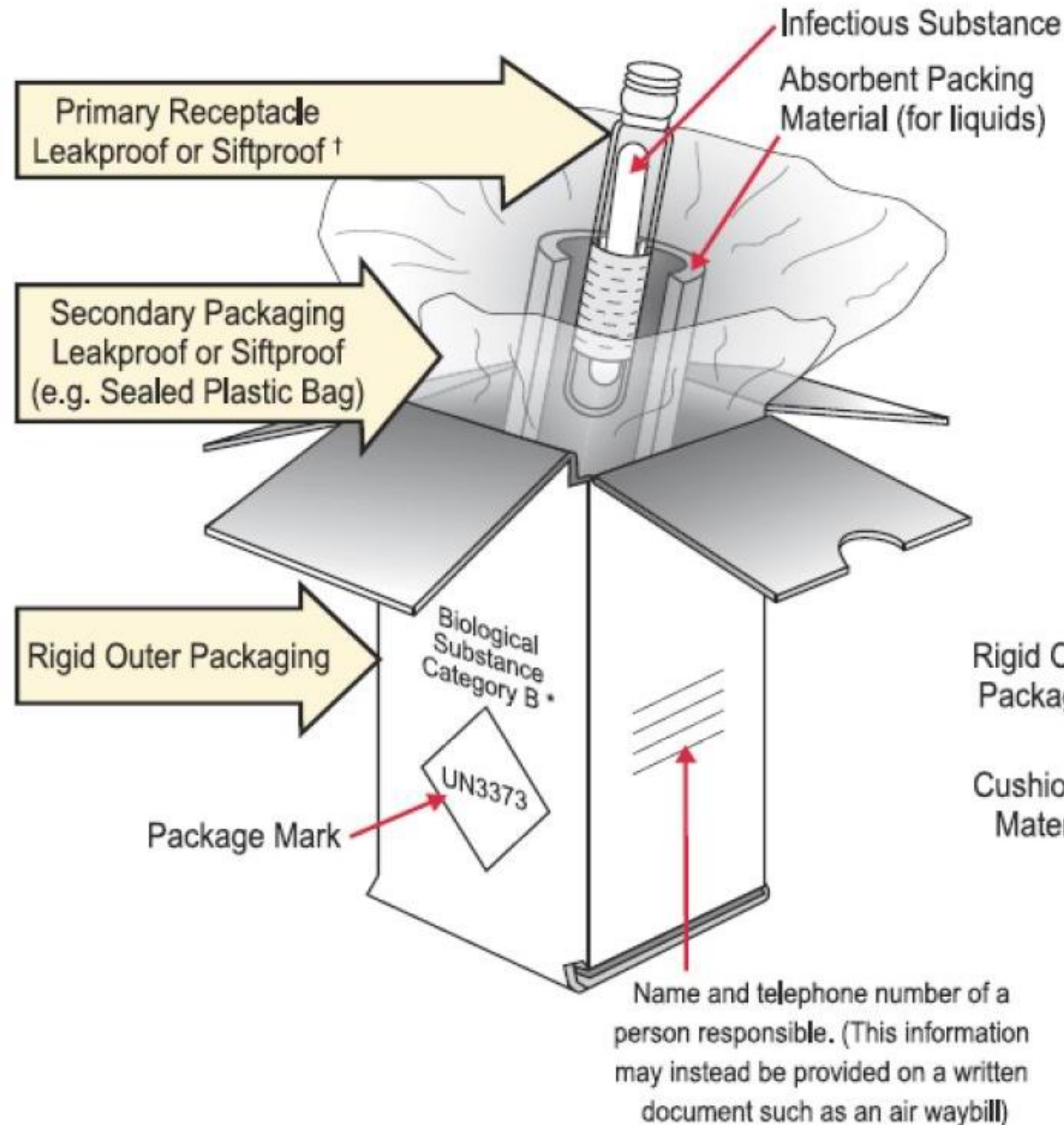
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2. The ARC-OVI does not accept responsibility for the damage of samples en route to the Diagnostic Registration office.
3. The acceptance of samples at Diagnostic Registration office does not guarantee the suitability of samples for testing.
4. The ARC-OVI reserves the right not to test the samples if the Sample Submission form is not signed.
5. The ARC-OVI reserves the right to refuse testing if the client's account is overdue for more than sixty (60) days.
6. The sender will be held responsible for the account if not otherwise instructed.
7. Should someone other than the sender be responsible for payment the relevant contact details and signature should appear on the form.
8. All samples will be analysed subject to the Animal Disease Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984).

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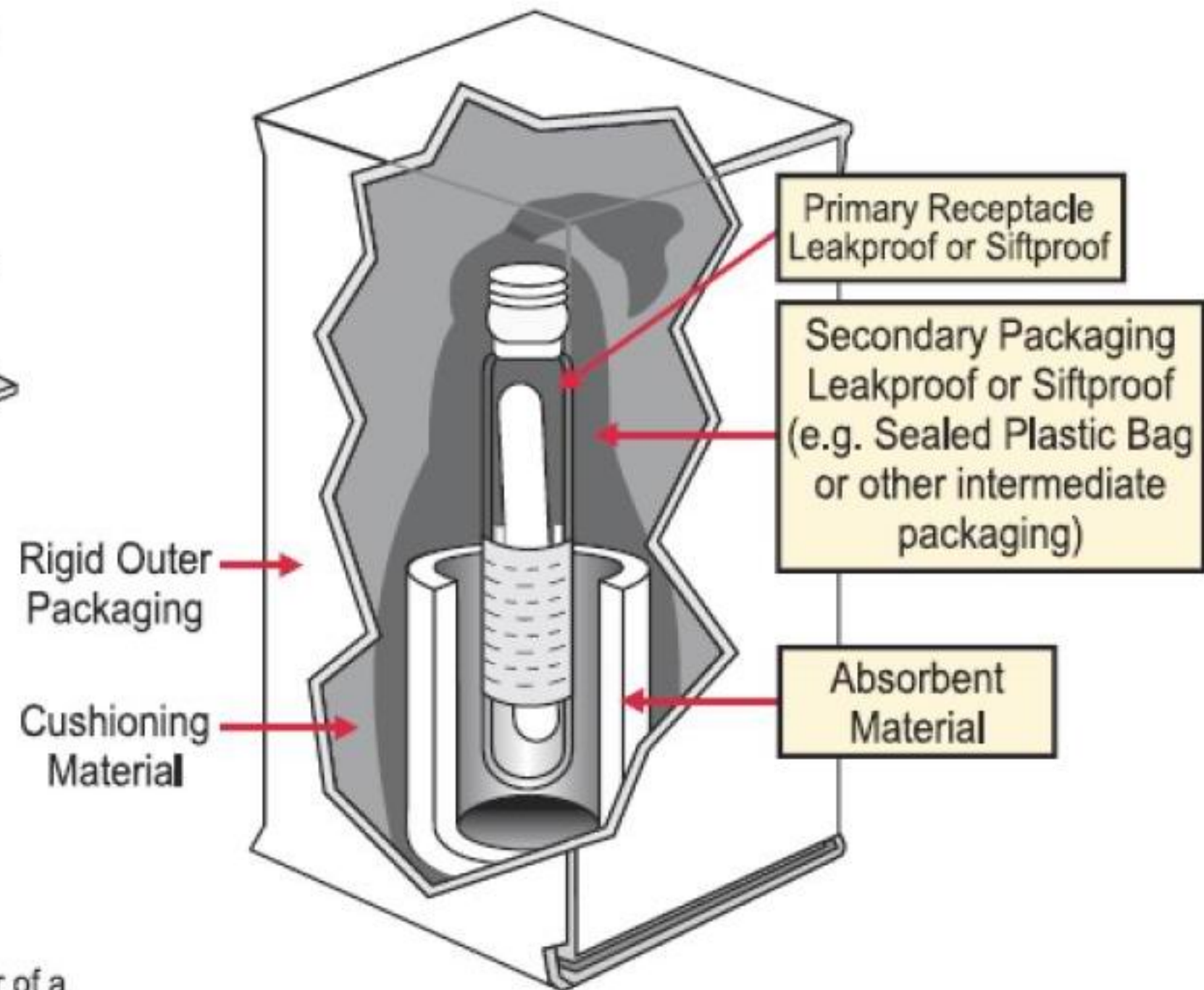
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**DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Directorate Animal Health Private Bag X138, PRETORIA, 0001 • Tel: (012) 319 6000

To Whom It May Concern:

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 all dogs, cats, reptiles and primates imported into South Africa need to have been implanted with a microchip for identification. If you want to import one of the above-mentioned animals or if you are in the business of importing one of the above-mentioned animals please make sure you comply with this requirement. Dogs that travel on the Pink Rabies health certificate, these are dogs and cats from Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Malawi, Lesotho and Swaziland do not need to be micro chipped.

The import Health Certificates for the above mentioned species have been altered to include a clause requiring a microchip number and the location of the microchip for identification of the animal. After the above-mentioned dates animals of the above-mentioned species found not to have a microchip will be quarantined at the port of entry into South Africa.

Thank You

For **SENIOR MANAGER ANIMAL HEALTH**

**APPLICATION FOR A VETERINARY PERMIT  
TO IMPORT ANIMALS INTO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

1. Full name and address of applicant in **BLOCK** letters:

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2. The number, species and class of animals sought to be imported:

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3. The country and part of that country from which it is proposed to import them, and the port, airport or place at which they will be loaded on to conveyance, which is to transport them to the Republic:

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4. The nature of the conveyance by which it is proposed to transport them to the Republic:

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5. The port, airport, or place in the Republic through which it is sought to import them:

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6. The purpose for which it is sought to import them into the Republic:

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7. Their immediate destination in the Republic after leaving the port, airport, or other place of entry into the Republic:

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8. The departure date of the animals for the Republic: (indicate the month and year if the exact is not known)

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.....  
**DATE:**

.....  
**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

Post to: Division of Veterinary Field Services, Private Bag X183, Pretoria, 0001, Republic of South Africa

Note: Veterinary import permits are valid for a limited period only. Application therefore should not be made more than three months, or less than six week before departure of the animals for the Republic.

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF DOGS  
FOR EXPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**ISSUING AUTHORITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4.  DESCRIPTION:**

**1. Number and Identification of animals:**

	BREED	SEX	AGE	COLOUR	NAME/ID no.
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

For corresponding animal mentioned in the table above

	MICROCHIP NO	LOCATION OF MICROCHIP
1.		
2.		
3.		
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**2. South African Veterinary Import Permit no:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Origin of animal(s)**

3.1 Name and address of consignor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3.2 Address of premises of origin of animal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Destination of animal(s):**

4.1 Name and address of consignee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4.2 Means of transport (flight no/vessel name) \_\_\_\_\_

4.3 Physical address of premises at final destination \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**B. HEALTH ATTESTATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned government veterinarian of the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country, certify that the animals described in section A:

1. Have, as far as I can ascertain, either been continuously resident in the exporting country since birth, or have been continuously resident in the exporting country or South Africa for the last six months.
2. Originate from an area which is not under official veterinary restrictions by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country for any disease to which carnivores are susceptible.
3. Did not, as far as is possible to determine, come into contact with animals infected or suspected of being infected with rabies.
4. Have a valid rabies vaccination, as stipulated below or have been exempted from having rabies vaccination. (See notes on page 4)

Vaccination date of animal being exported to be completed for animals over 3 months

**OR** Vaccination date of dam/mother of animal being exported to be completed for animals under 3 months

	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
1.			
2.			
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	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
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5. Originate from a country free of the following diseases: (indicate with X)  
Complete the applicable portions of paragraph 6 for those diseases where the country is not certified free.

Disease	Country free	Country not free
5.1 <i>Brucella canis</i>		
5.2 <i>Trypanosoma evansi</i>		
5.3 <i>Babesia gibsoni</i>		
5.4 <i>Dirofilaria immitis</i>		
5.5 <i>Leishmania</i>		

6. Unless the country of origin is certified free of the disease under Paragraph 5, the animals have been tested, with negative results, within 30 days of export, for the following conditions at officially approved laboratory, using testing procedures described in the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines, 1999.

		Test date:
6.1	<i>Brucella canis</i> serum agglutination:-	
6.2	<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i> card agglutination test And giemsa blood smear:-	
6.3	<i>Babesia Gibsoni</i> Immunoflouresence antibody test and giemsa blood smear:-	
6.4	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> microfilarial filtration test:-	
6.5	Leishmaniosis: Indirect fluorescent antibody	
	or ELISA	
	or Direct agglutination test	
	or Western blot/membrane imunoassay	
	or PCR	

Note: Animals subjected to post importation quarantine will, at the discretion of the Director of Veterinary Services of South Africa, be re-tested at the importer's expense.

7. Unless the country of origin is certified free of the disease under Paragraph 5, the animals have been treated for the following conditions as prescribed below:
- 7.1 Trypanosoma evansi: from the date of negative testing until export with Suramin or Diminazene aceturate, according to the instructions for use thereof by the manufacturer.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Product: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_

- 7.2 Dirofilaria immitis: from the date of negative testing until export at the required intervals with:\*

- Diethylcarbamazine (5-6 mg/kg per os daily)
- OR
- Ivermectin (6 micrograms/kg per os monthly)
- OR
- Milbemycin oxime (0,5 mg/kg per os monthly)
- OR
- Moxidectin (3 micrograms/kg per os monthly)
- OR
- Selemectin (6mg/kg)
- (Revolution) Prophylactic only
- OR
- Proheart SR12 (Subcut injection yearly)

\*If the date of the negative test falls within 11 months of giving the Proheart SR12 subcut injection then no further Dirofilaria immitis treatment is required.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Product: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Product: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_



**Treatment for *Dirofilaria* must continue for 6 months after arrival in South Africa. I have informed the owner / person in custody of the dog of this condition and I confirm that this person has sufficient amounts of the drug used in possession to carry out the required therapy.**

(Heartworm drugs are not available in the Republic of South Africa and must be imported by the importer of the dog, at the time of the importation of the dog.)

- 8. Have been examined clinically by an official veterinarian **within 10 days** of export and were found to be free of internal and external parasites, contagious and infectious diseases to which the species is susceptible and fit to travel.
- 9. Will be shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which will be either new or suitably disinfected and fumigated before loading and are of such a nature that contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, is prevented.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

OFFICIAL STAMP

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name in print \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Note 1:
- The vaccine used must be a strain of anti-rabies conforming to a potency standard recognised by the World Health Organisation.
  - The animal must have been vaccinated at least 30 days, but not longer than 12 months prior to export in the case of the primary vaccination.
  - Animals under 3 months of age may not be vaccinated and are considered to have a valid vaccination provided the dam of the animal concerned was vaccinated at least 30 days, but not more than 12 months prior to giving birth. NB Such animals must be vaccinated at 3 months of age against rabies, in the Republic of South Africa and the owners must inform the South African Veterinary Authorities.

Note 2: - In the case of dogs from the United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand vaccination for rabies is not required.

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF CATS  
FOR EXPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**ISSUING AUTHORITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. DESCRIPTION:**

1. Number and Identification of animals:

	BREED	SEX	AGE	COLOUR	NAME/ID no.
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

For corresponding animal mentioned in the table above

	MICROCHIP NO	LOCATION OF MICROCHIP
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

2. **South African Veterinary Import Permit no:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Origin of animal(s)**

3.1 Name and address of consignor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3.2 Address of premises of origin of animal(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. **Destination of animal(s):**

4.1 Name and address of consignee: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4.2 Means of transport (flight no/vessel name) \_\_\_\_\_

4.3 Physical address of premises at final destination \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. HEALTH ATTESTATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned  
government veterinarian of the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country, certify  
that the animals described in section A:

- Have, as far as I can ascertain, either been continuously resident in the exporting country since birth, or have been continuously resident in the exporting country or South Africa for the last six months.

- Originate from an area which is not under official veterinary restrictions by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country for any disease to which carnivores are susceptible.
- Did not, as far as is possible to determine, come into contact with animals infected or suspected of being infected with rabies.
- Have a valid rabies vaccination, as stipulated below or have been exempted from having rabies vaccination. (See notes on page 2)

Vaccination date of animal being exported to be completed for animals over 3 months

**OR** Vaccination date of mother of animal being exported to be completed for animals under 3 months

	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
1			
2			
3			
4			

- Have been examined clinically by an official veterinarian **within 10 days** of export and were found to be free of internal and external parasites, contagious and infectious diseases to which the species is susceptible and fit to travel.
- Will be shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which will be either new or suitably disinfected and fumigated before loading and are of such a nature that contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, is prevented.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

OFFICIAL STAMP

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name in print \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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- Note 1:
- The vaccine used must be a strain of anti-rabies conforming to a potency standard recognised by the World Health Organisation.
  - The animal must have been vaccinated at least 30 days, but not longer than 12 months prior to export in the case of the primary vaccination.
  - Animals under 3 months of age may not be vaccinated and are considered to have a valid vaccination provided the dam of the animal concerned was vaccinated at least 30 days, but not more than 12 months prior to giving birth. NB Such animals must be vaccinated at 3 months of age against rabies, in the Republic of South Africa and the owners must inform the South African Veterinary Authorities.
- Note 2:
- In the case of cats from the United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand vaccination for rabies is not required.