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<p><b>Checklist for CATS</b></p>			<p>It is recommended that you contact a professional pet exporter in your country to assist with arranging tests, treatments, flights, import permits, shipping crates, etc. Some airlines require a pet exporter to book flights for animals, as this adds assurance that all requirements will be completed at the appropriate time before departure.</p>
	<p>Check that your cat is eligible for import into New Zealand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your country is an approved country for exporting cats to New Zealand</li> <li>• your cat is not a hybrid (offspring of a cat crossed with another species, with the exception of Bengals (conditions apply))</li> <li>• your cat meets the minimum age, residency, and pregnancy requirements (if applicable)</li> </ul>	<p>All cats</p>	<p>GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Page 5: <a href="#">Approved Countries for Cats and Dogs</a>  (283 KB)</p>
	<p>Print out the model Veterinary Certificates A &amp; B for your country category (1,2 or 3)</p>	<p>All cats</p>	<p>GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Page 15: <a href="#">Model veterinary certificates</a>  (283 KB)</p>
	<p>Get an approved Microchip</p>	<p>All cats</p>	<p>The microchip:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Must be implanted before initiating any vaccinations, tests and treatments.</li> <li>ii. Must be scanned and the number recorded on all vaccination and treatment records, tests and certification.</li> </ol>
	<p>Rabies vaccination</p>	<p>Cats from Category 3</p>	<p>if this is your pet's <b>first (primary) rabies vaccine</b> it must be given at least six months before shipment</p>

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		countries only	and no longer than one year before shipment <b>OR</b> If this is a <b>booster vaccination</b> , it must be given within one year of shipment
	Rabies titre test	Cats from Category 3 countries only	Not less than three months and not more than 24 months before shipment
	Make reservation at quarantine facility	Cats from all countries <i>except Australia</i>	As soon as you know your pet's date of departure <a href="#">Quarantine Facilities for Cats and Dogs</a>
	Apply for an import permit	Cats from all countries <i>except Australia</i>	This must be sent to MPI a minimum of 20 working days before you require the permit. <a href="#">Application Forms</a>
	If you need to bring medication for your cat	All cats on medication	The completed <a href="#">declaration</a> 🌐 with a copy of the veterinarian's prescription label must be provided to a MPI Inspector before or on arrival in New Zealand. Generally up to a three month supply will be given clearance. For further information, contact ACVM.
	First external parasite treatment <b>AND</b> first internal parasite treatment	All cats	In the 30 days prior to the date of shipment <b>and</b> at least two weeks before the second treatment
	Second internal parasite treatment	All cats	In the 4 days before the date of shipment
	Send advance <a href="#">notification</a> 📎 (283 KB) of arrival to MPI at port of arrival	All cats	At least 72 hours before scheduled time of arrival
	Inspection and official certification <b>AND</b> second external parasite treatment	All cats	In the 2 days before shipment Veterinary Certificates A & B must be completed and stamped