



Dogs and Cats to Norfolk Island (Guidance)

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Guidance Document

1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany *Dogs and Cats to Norfolk Island (OMAR)*, dated 15 December 2022. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.

2 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) The animal(s) for export are to fully comply with the *Animal Products Notice: Export Requirements for Live Animals Microchipping*.
- (2) A permit to import is not required from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).
- (3) With regard to the vaccination clauses in 4.5 and 5.1, the animal is considered to comply with the requirement if it has either received the final dose of a primary vaccination course or the booster to compliment the primary course in any required timeframes and protection (duration of immunity) will be continuous from this vaccine until the scheduled time of import.

The vaccine's duration of immunity in the animal should be determined by the clinical veterinarian administering the vaccine and recorded on the vaccine record as the next due date. The duration of immunity should not be longer than the manufacturer's recommendations.

If the vaccine is not administered before or on the due date, then it is considered to have lapsed.

If a vaccine's duration of immunity lapses, a clinical veterinarian should determine whether a primary vaccination course should be repeated, or just a booster, but this should align with the manufacturer's instructions.

3 Additional information

3.1 Further information taken from the requirements for the importation of dogs and cats to Norfolk Island suggests:

- (1) Any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the Norfolk Islands Regional Council must be complied with: [Norfolk Island Regional Council | Homepage \(gov.nf\)](https://www.norfolkislands.gov.au/)
- (2) The exporter must give the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry at least three (3) days' notice of the animal arrival in Norfolk Islands.
- (3) Notice of arrivals should be made by email (Norfolk.Island@agriculture.gov.au) to the contact officer on Norfolk Island and should include the following information:
 - Date and estimated time of arrival.
 - Airway bill number.
 - Flight number.

- A short description of the dog/cat including the microchip number.
 - Whether the dog is an assistance dog.
 - A contact telephone number.
 - The address at which the animal is to reside in Norfolk Island.
- (4) A copy of the completed veterinary health certificate must be emailed to the contact officer on Norfolk Island at least 24 hours before the date of export.
- (5) In certain circumstances the Australian Environmental and Biosecurity Office (EBO), a sub department of DAFF, may permit the import of Bengal cats that are five generations or more removed from their wild ancestor. More information, can be accessed from the Australian DAFF website: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides/category-1-new-zealand>, or email exotic.species@environment.gov.au
- (6) For more information on prohibited dog breeds, contact the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on 00 61262641111
- (7) The testing for *Ehrlichia canis* and *Leishmania infantum* remains valid only if the dog is continuously resident in New Zealand from the sampling date until export to Norfolk Island.
- (8) Copies of the laboratory test results must be attached to the export certificate.
- (9) With regards to acceptable parasite treatment, The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website includes a table of acceptable parasite treatments for use in preparing dogs and cats for export to Australia and Norfolk Island: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides/parasite-treatment>
- (10) All treatments, collection of specimens and examinations must be conducted in New Zealand by a registered veterinarian (note clause 1.3 (4) c) of the OMAR, relating to permitted exception to this requirement).
- (11) At each veterinary visit for test, treatment or examination, the dog must be scanned and the microchip number must be correctly recorded on all documentation.
- (12) In the case of a dog needing the imidocarb dipropionate treatment as per clause 4.4 of the export certificate, please contact MPI Animal Exports team for further information, as this drug has to be imported into New Zealand. Imidocarb dipropionate importation, clearance and distribution may take up to 60 days from the time of ordering. Contact: animalexports@mpi.govt.nz
- (13) Dogs and cats travelling by air must be transported to Norfolk Island in accordance with the container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live animal Regulation. Subject to the aircraft operator approval, assistance dogs may travel with their handler in the cabin –contact your airline for clarification of these requirements.
- (14) All documentation must be in order and all import requirements must be met. Any animal arriving in Norfolk Island having not met the requirements may be ordered into quarantine or re-shipped to New Zealand at the importers expense.
- (15) The original export certificate must accompany the animal.

4 Return to New Zealand

- (1) If you are planning on returning to New Zealand with your pet in the future, please contact the MPI Animal Imports team to obtain all the relevant information on importing pets back into New Zealand, and if there is anything that can expediate your animals return to New Zealand. We strongly suggest that this is done before your pet is exported from New Zealand, as not every country can meet the New Zealand import conditions, and so you may not be able to import your pet back into New Zealand.

For all the necessary information on importation into New Zealand, contact animal.imports@mpi.govt.nz.

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