



# Dogs and Cats to Norfolk Island (Guidance)

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## 1 Purpose

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

## 2 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) A permit to import is not required from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Australia.

## 3 Additional information

- (1) Further information taken from the requirements for the importation of dogs and cats to Norfolk Island suggests:
- (2) Any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the Norfolk Island Regional Council (<http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/services/environment-and-health/animal-importation>) must be complied with.
- (3) The exporter must give the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment at least three (3) days' notice of the animals arrival in Norfolk Island. Notice of arrivals should be made by email ([Norfolk.Isalnd@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:Norfolk.Isalnd@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 cat/dog including the microchip number
  - Whether the dog is an assistance dog
  - A contact telephone number in Australia or New Zealand
  - The address at which the animal is to reside in Australia.
- (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 Department of the Environment and Energy may permit the import of Bengal cats that are five generations or more removed from their wild ancestor. For more information, contact the Wildlife Trade Regulation Section, DoEE on ph: 00 61262742678 or email [exotic.species@environment.gov.au](mailto: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 Australia.
- (8) Copies of the laboratory test results must be attached to this certificate.
- (9) With regards to acceptable parasite treatment, The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website includes a table of acceptable parasite treatments for use in preparing dogs and cats for export to Australia – <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 6.4, 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](mailto: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. The original export certificate must accompany the animal.

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