



Dogs and Cats to the United Arab Emirates (Guidance)

AEPET9 (GD)

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany *Dogs and Cats to the United Arab Emirates (OMAR)*, dated 9 March 2023. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.

2 Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
9 March 2023	All sections	New Guidance Documents to accompany <i>Dogs and Cats to the United Arab Emirates (OMAR)</i> dated 9 March 2023.
13 July 2023	3 (4) and (5)	Guidance provided relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The stand down period of rabies vaccination.• The stand down period of routine vaccination.
13 December 2024	3 (3)	Guidance provided stipulating a set “validity period” of the import permit has been removed.

3 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) The required import permit is issued through the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Climate Change & Environment website <https://www.moccae.gov.ae/en/services/export-import-services/import-permit-pets.aspx>
- (3) No animals are to be exported on an expired import permit.
- (4) The period between the last rabies vaccination and the date of export to the United Arab Emirates should not be less than 21 days.
- (5) There is not a specified stand down period applicable to the standard vaccinations for dogs or cats. Therefore the stand down period to enable the animal to be certified as fit to travel is at the discretion of the preparing veterinarian.
- (6) The original vaccination record should include:
- a) the pets microchip number;
 - b) a full description of the pet, including species, colour, gender, date of birth and any other distinctive marks;
 - c) the name of vaccines (including the rabies vaccine), manufacturer, batch number, date of vaccination and validity of vaccination;

- d) any treatments given to the pet.
- (7) The animal should be shipped in manifested cargo as per the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.
- (8) In regard to the list of prohibited breeds or part breed of dogs, the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Climate Change & Environment website should be consulted for the latest list.

4 Additional information

- (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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