

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF DOGS
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.
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2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

For corresponding animal mentioned in the table above

	MICROCHIP NO	LOCATION OF MICROCHIP
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

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

	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
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2.			
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	Date	Type of vaccine	Batch no.
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The original or a copy of the Rabies Vaccination Certificate must accompany this veterinary health certificate.

5. The animals have been tested, with negative results, within 30 days from date of sample collection to the date of import, for the following conditions at an officially (government) approved laboratory, using testing procedures described in the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines.

			Blood sampling date:
5.1	<i>Brucella canis</i> :	Serum agglutination OR Rapid slide agglutination test*	
5.2	<i>Trypanosoma evansi</i> :	Card agglutination test AND Giemsa blood smear	
5.3	<i>Babesia Gibsoni</i> :	Immunofluorescence antibody test OR ELISA using the BgTRAP antigen* AND Giemsa blood smear OR Real-time PCR*	
5.4	<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> :	Microfilarial filtration test	
5.5	Leishmaniosis:	Indirect fluorescent antibody* OR ELISA* OR Direct agglutination test* OR Western blot/membrane immunoassay*	

A copy of the laboratory report must be attached to this veterinary health certificate.

* = Delete as applicable

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

6. The animals have been treated for the following conditions as prescribed below:

6.1 *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 subcutaneous injection then no further *Dirofilaria immitis* treatment is required.

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

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Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

Treatment for *Dirofilaria immitis* 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 difficult to source 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.)

6.2 *Leishmania* and *Babesia gibsoni*: the animals must be treated with an effective acaricide and with insect repellent registered in the exporting country, within 30 days before departure.

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

7. 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.

8. 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 _____

- Note 1:**
- The Rabies vaccine used must be a strain of anti-Rabies conforming to a potency standard recognised by the World Health Organisation.
 - In the case of the primary Rabies vaccination the animal must have been vaccinated at least 30 days, but not longer than 12 months prior to export.
 - In the case of the booster Rabies vaccination the animal must have been vaccinated less than 12 months prior to export. (The 30 day waiting period for the primary Rabies vaccination does not apply to the booster vaccination if it was applied before the previous Rabies vaccination expired).
 - 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. Note: 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 the vaccination for Rabies is not required. However, it is strongly recommended as Rabies is endemic in South Africa.