



APHA Briefing Note 06/17

Export certification of cats and dogs to Australia

Purpose

- 1) To remind Official Veterinarians (OVs) to ensure that export health certificate (EHC) conditions have been met when certifying dogs and cats for export to Australia.

Background

- 2) Correspondence has been received from the Australian government detailing several import failures involving dogs and cats certified in the United Kingdom.
- 3) Certification irregularities included, but were not limited to:
 - Missing endorsement of laboratory reports by OV
 - Failure to administer correct parasiticide within appropriate timeframe
 - Failure to provide all required laboratory reports
 - Failure to record vaccination details on the EHC
- 4) Import failures lead to inconvenience and expense for travellers, potentially including the need for post-arrival quarantine and repeat testing.

Action

- 5) OVs are reminded to scrutinise export documentation well in advance of the date of export. All notes for guidance (NFG) must be read thoroughly and complied with in order for the animal to be appropriately prepared and certified for export to Australia. All required documentation must be included with the EHC and be endorsed by the OV, where necessary.

Additional Information

- 6) Please direct pet export queries to the Centre for International Trade (telephone no. 03000 200 301). Alternatively, pet export queries can be submitted via email to petexports.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk.

- 7) OV instructions are available through the APHA Vet Gateway http://ahvla.defra.gov.uk/External_OV_Instructions/index.htm.
- 8) OV training is available via [Improve International](#).

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