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No

EXPORT OF CATS/DOGS* FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO HONG KONG

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

FOR COMPLETION BY: THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Number and identification of the animal

IDENTIFICATION MICROCHIP NUMBER	ANATOMICAL SITE OF MICROCHIP	NAME	BREED AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH

II. Origin of the animal

(a) Name and address of exporter:

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(b) Address of premises of origin:

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III. Destination of the animal

(a) Name address of importer:

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(b) Premises of destination:

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(c) Import permit number:

IV. Health Information

I, the undersigned, certify that:

(a) on(date), being within 14 days of export, the animal was examined and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease including distemper, rabies and external parasites and in my opinion is fit to travel;

(b) the animal is not under official quarantine restrictions;

(c) after due enquiry, I am satisfied that the animal is not one of the following prohibited from import into Hong Kong:

Any dog of the type known as Pit Bull Terrier, the Japanese Tosa, the Dogo Argentino, the Fila Brasileiro and their crosses;

(d) a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter* stating that the animal is 60 days of age or over;

***(e) IN THE CASE OF A FEMALE:** a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter* stating that the animal is either not pregnant or is less than 4 weeks pregnant;

(f) a written declaration has been received from the exporter stating that the animal has been continuously resident in the United Kingdom during the preceding 180 days or since birth, or during the entire period since the animal was directly imported from Hong Kong, prior to departure from the United Kingdom;

(g) **EITHER*** (i) on(date), the animal was vaccinated against rabies;
OR* (ii) to the best of my knowledge and belief, rabies vaccine has not been administered to the animal;

***(h) IN THE CASE OF A CAT:**
 on(date), being not less than 10 days and not more than 12 months prior to the proposed date of export, the animal was vaccinated according to the manufacturers recommendations as detailed below:

	VACCINE	MANUFACTURER	BATCH NO.	DATE OF VACCINATION
Feline Panleucopaenia (Infectious Enteritis)				
Feline Respiratory Disease Complex (Cat Flu)				

***(j) IN THE CASE OF A DOG MORE THAN 12 WEEKS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF EXPORT:**

on(date), being not less than 10 days and not more than 12 months prior to the proposed date of export, the animal was vaccinated according to the manufacturers recommendations as detailed below:

	VACCINE	MANUFACTURER	BATCH NO.	DATE OF VACCINATION
Canine Distemper				
Infectious Canine Hepatitis				
Canine Parvovirus				

***(k) IN THE CASE OF A PUPPY UNDER 12 WEEKS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF EXPORT:**

on(date), being not less than 10 days prior to export and the animal being at least 6 weeks of age at the time of vaccination, the animal was vaccinated according to the manufacturers recommendations as detailed below:

	VACCINE	MANUFACTURER	BATCH NO.	DATE OF VACCINATION
Canine Distemper (using a distemper vaccine licensed for use in UK for young puppies under 12 weeks of age)				
Infectious Canine hepatitis (using vaccine licensed for use in UK for puppies as above)				
Canine Parvovirus (using a vaccine which according to the manufacture's instructions is appropriate for puppies this age)				

- (l) the United Kingdom is officially free of rabies according to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Terrestrial Animal Health Code;
- (m) I have inspected the vaccination record card(s)* for the animal and confirm that it/they* contain(s)* a recommended date for any booster vaccination;
- (n) the cat/dog* has been identified with an implanted microchip transponder, details of which have been given at paragraph I.

* Delete as appropriate

V. This certificate is valid for 14 days.

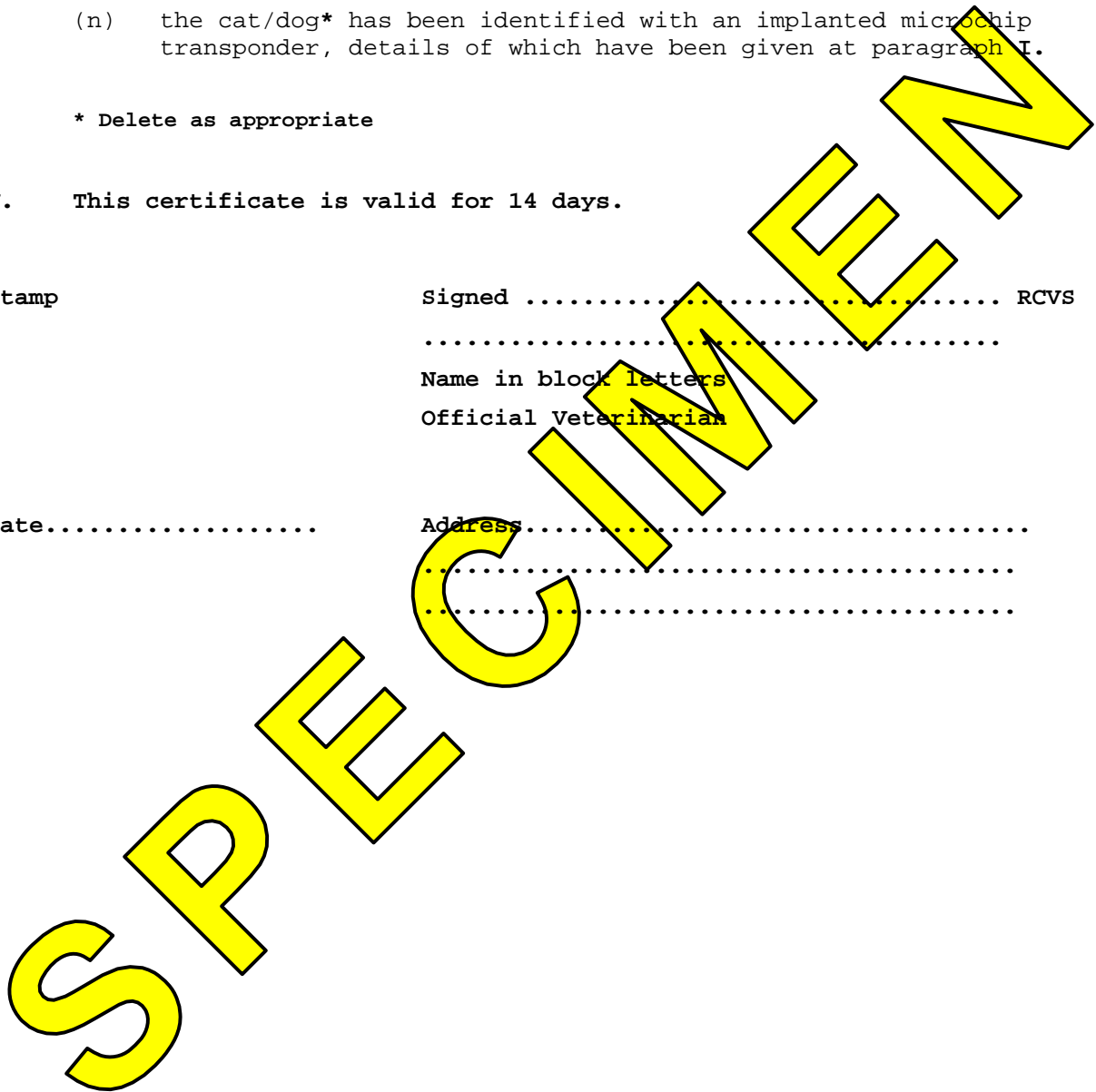
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Signed RCVS

 Name in block letters
 Official Veterinarian

Date.....

Address.....



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NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3472EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3472EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 3472EHC may be used for the export of cats and dogs from the United Kingdom to Hong Kong.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (Local Veterinary Inspector) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government - Department for Rural Affairs, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB - Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle) within seven days of signing.

The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

Exporters and OVs should note that the model health certificate, "Animal Health Certificate" Form No. VC-DC1, which is available on the Hong Kong authorities' website and may be supplied with the import permit, is for information only. **OVs must complete only the Defra certificate 3472EHC and disregard the model Hong Kong certificate.** The Defra certificate meets the specification of the model certificate - there may be minor differences as certain amendments have been agreed with Hong Kong.

3. IMPORT PERMIT

An import permit is required to export cats and dogs to Hong Kong and is valid for 6 months and for one consignment only.

The permit may be obtained from:

Permit + Certification Unit (Counter No. 10),
Import and Export Division,
5th Floor,
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department,
Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices,
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road,
Kowloon,
Hong Kong

Enquiries can be addressed to:-

Call Centre on telephone (852) - 1823, or

Email - icsenquiry@afcd.gov.hk, or

Website - www.afcd.gov.hk

4. If more than 1 animal is being exported a separate certificate is required for each animal.
5. **MICROCHIPPING IDENTIFICATION**
The animal must be identified by a microchip such that if the cat/dog is identified with a microchip other than that used for the identification of cats and dogs in Hong Kong (AVID encrypted transponder with an alphanumeric code in the format of AVID*xxx*xxx*xxx) then after arrival in Hong Kong the cat/dog will be rechipped at the expense of the permittee or agent.
6. **IMPORT PROHIBITION ON FIGHTING DOGS**
Paragraph IV. (c) refers. Any dog of the type known as Pit Bull Terrier, the Japanese Tosa, the Dogo Argentino, the Fila Brasileiro and their crosses is prohibited from import into Hong Kong.
7. **OWNERS' DECLARATION**
Paragraph IV. (d), (e), and (f) refer. An Owner's Declaration must be received from the exporter stating that the animal has been continuously resident in the United Kingdom during the preceding 180 days or since birth, or during the entire period since the animal was directly imported from Hong Kong and is 60 days of age or over at the time of export. In the case of a female dog or cat an Owner's Declaration will also be required to confirm that to the best of the owner's knowledge and belief the animal is either not pregnant or is less than 4 weeks pregnant on the scheduled date of export.
8. **HEALTH INFORMATION**
Paragraphs IV. (g), (h), (j) and (k) refer. Copies of all vaccination certificates/cards should be attached to the export health certificate. The vaccination certificates/cards should also clearly state the recommended date(s) for any follow up booster vaccinations.
9. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**
Paragraph IV. (l) refers. Official Veterinarians may certify this paragraph on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle on form 618NDC.
10. **NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL**
The importer must provide at least 24 hours notice in advance of the anticipated time of arrival to the Duty Officer of Import & Export Section, during office hours, by:-

Telephone: (852) 21821001,

Fax: (852) 27698600

Email: foii_airport@afcd.gov.hk

11. **TRANSPORT CONDITIONS: IATA STANDARDS**

Paragraph IV (n) refers. The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport for his/her animals meet the standards laid down by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

He/she should ask the transporting airline to confirm this, and if necessary provide a copy of the relevant conditions.

Published copies of the IATA conditions, together with the 'live animal labels' and 'this way up' labels which IATA require on animal crates, can be bought from the following companies:

Freight Merchandising Services, c/o Vidap Freight Services Ltd., Shield Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1AU.
Tel: 01784 240840 Fax: 01784 248615

Label Line, Hollyhouse, 14 Tenby Road, Frimley, Surrey GU16 5UT.
Tel: 01252 836472 Fax: 01252 838094

12. **AIRLINE CERTIFICATION OR CAPTAIN'S AFFIDAVIT**

The exporter/agent must arrange for a declaration to be provided by a representative of the airline or the captain stating that:

(i) The animal has travelled the entire journey on one aircraft without leaving the aircraft enroute and/or without any stopping/changing over in a country of lower health status;

(ii) During the entire journey, the animal has not been in contact with any other animals.

13. **WELFARE**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

ENGLAND Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
Tel: 0845 6038395 / Fax: 01228 591900

SCOTLAND Scottish Government -Rural and Environment
Directorate, Spur P, Saughton House, Broomhouse
Drive, Edinburgh EH11 3XD
Tel: 0300 244 9243/Fax: 0300 244 9797

WALES Welsh Assembly Government - Department for Rural
Affairs,
Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ
Tel: 02920 823593/Fax: 02920 823352;

**NORTHERN
IRELAND** Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section,
Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast,
BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

14. **DISCLAIMER**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time and may not necessarily comply fully with the requirements of the importing country. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country. If these do not match, the exporter should contact the International Trade Centre for Exports in Carlisle via the appropriate address in the link given below:-

<http://defraweb/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/search/index.asp>