

Entry of dogs and/or cats

CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORT OF DOGS AND CATS

- All domestic canines and felines entering the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC from any country of the world must present an International Veterinary Certificate (IVC) issued by the Veterinary Authority of the origin country containing the requirements demanded by Argentina (Resolution GMC 17/15).
- National Service of Agri-Food Health and Quality (SENASA) authorizes the entry of animals, which have a passport replacing the IVC, provided that it is in force, that contains the sanitary information required by Resolution GMC 17/15 and that it is countersigned or validated by signature and stamp of the Veterinary Authority of the origin country prior to the transfer.
- We suggest checking the official website of the veterinary service or authority of the country in which you are located to find out how and where to manage the IVC.
- The IVC issued by the health authority in which you are located has a validity of sixty (60) days in order to enter Argentina with your dog/cat, provided that the rabies vaccine is valid on the day of your entry.
- One of the issuance languages of the IVC must be Spanish.
- There is no need of an import license.

Health requirements for an International Veterinary Certificate (IVC) according to the Resolution GMC 17/15:

1- HEALTH CERTIFICATE:

Issued among the ten (10) days prior to the date of issuance of the IVC and conducted by an authorized veterinary in the origin country acknowledging that the animal is in a clinical healthy condition, without proof of parasites and that it is fit for its shipment.

2- VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES:

Dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies with vaccines authorized by the Veterinary Authority of the State of origin and with enough immunity considering the manufacturing laboratory's given validity period.

In case of animals vaccinated for the first time, the vaccine must have been applied at least 21 days before entering Argentina.

If the dog or cat is less than three (3) months old, the Veterinary Authority must certify the age of the animal and that the animal has not been on any property where a case of urban rabies has occurred in the last ninety (91) days prior to shipment.

If the animal comes from a country or zone that complies with the recommendations established in the Terrestrial Code of the WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE) to be declared free of rabies, it may enter without the corresponding immunization against this disease, and the Veterinary Authority issuing the IVC must state this condition of free country or zone in said IVC or Passport.

The original Rabies Vaccination Certificate must not be retained by any control authority within ARGENTINA or abroad. In all cases this Certificate must remain in possession of the owner / person responsible for the animal.

3- Removal of parasites

Treatment against internal and external parasites within fifteen days prior to the date of issuance of the IVC or Passport intervention, with veterinary products approved by the Veterinary Authority of the country of origin.

IMPORT OF NON TRADITIONAL PETS (ferrets, rabbits, hamsters, birds, etc,...):

If you enter the country with any NON TRADITIONAL PET (ferrets, rabbits, hamsters, birds, etc,...), either permanently or temporarily, you must previously obtain the import authorization from Senasa and obtain the International Veterinary Certificate in the country of origin.