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Dear Mr Hudson,

The Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance presents its compliments.

Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission, by Decision 116 "On Amending the Common Veterinary (Veterinary-Sanitary) Requirements to Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Oversight)" of 09.07.2019, changed the veterinary requirements to fur animals, rabbits, dogs and cats imported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union or transported between the Member States. From now on, non-vaccinated for rabies dogs and cats under 3 months may be imported to the Russian Federation, as may be carnivorous animals vaccinated for rabies for a term of over one year. The document also introduces other amendments to the mandatory vaccination rules for animals imported to the Russian Federation.

The eased rules may only be applied to animals imported with No.15 veterinary certificates, whose updated version (with English translation) is available on Rosselkhoznadzor's official web site (http://www.fsvps.ru/importExport/pets.html). Under the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, veterinary certificates must be issued by the competent authorities of the exporting countries.

We would also like to note that any dogs and cats imported to the Russian Federation with international veterinary passports must be vaccinated for rabies at least 20 days before transportation if they hadn't been vaccinated in the preceding 12 months.

Mr Matthew Hudson Acting Director

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Another condition of bringing dogs or cats to the Eurasian Economic Union with international veterinary passports is a record of clinical examination within 14 days before departure, made in the passport by the competent body.

Additionally, we are hereby sending you a bilingual form of veterinary certificate No.15 and the updated version of the veterinary requirements to fur animals, rabbits, dogs and cats imported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and/or transported between the Member States (see enclosed).

For fur animals, rabbits, dogs and cats meeting the requirements in force until 09.08.2019 and imported to the Russian Federation before the end of 2019, the authorization decisions will be made as usual.

I would appreciate your communication of this information to the EU MS competent authorities and other stakeholders.

Please accept, Mr Hudson, the assurances of my highest consideration.

K.A. Savenkov Deputy Head [signature]

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VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS

to fur animals, rabbits, dogs and cats imported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and/or transported between the Member States

Clinically healthy fur animals, rabbits, dogs and cats may be imported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and/or transported between the Member States if they come from territories free of the following infectious animal diseases for the periods specified below:

- anthrax for all types of animals, for the past 20 days on the territory of the farm;
- rabies and tuberculosis for foxes, polar foxes. Dogs and cats, for the past 6 months on the respective administrative territory or the territory of the farm;

For minks and ferrets:

- mink encephalopathy and Aleutian disease of mink for the past 36 months on the territory of the farm;
- tularemia for the past 12 months the territory of the farm;
- rabies and tuberculosis for the past 6 months on the respective administrative territory (according to regionalization) on the territory of the farm;

For rabbits:

- rabbit viral hemorrhagic disease, tularemia, pasteurellosis (Pasteurella multocida, Mannheimia gaemolitica) for the past 12 months on the territory of the farm;
- myxomatosis for the past 6 months on the territory of the farm;

During quarantine, total clinical examination and diagnostic are to be carried out:

- for minks for Aleutian disease
- for cats for dermatophytosis.

When not vaccinated within the past 12 months, the animals are to be vaccinated at least 20 days before shipping for the following diseases:

- all carnivores (except for minks) rabies;
- foxes and polar foxes carnivore distemper;
- minks and ferrets carnivore distemper, viral enteritis and pseudomonosis;
- nutrias pasteurellosis;
- dogs carnivore distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and adenovirus diseases, leptospirosis (unless prophylactically treated with dihydrostreptomycin or its functional equivalent registered in the exporting country);
- cats panleukopenia;
- rabbits myxomatosis and viral hemorrhagic disease; at the request of the competent authority of the Member State where the animal is imported from a 3rd country or transported from another Member State other infectious diseases;

Carnivores may be imported and/or transported subjects to the confirmation of the veterinary doctor issuing the certificate that the year+ term of immunity generated by the vaccine has not expired, or subject to laboratory test results confirming that the rabies immunity level is at least 0.5 IU/MI; dogs and cats not vaccinated for rabies may also be imported if they are under 3 months.

No more than 2 dogs or cats at a time may be transported as personal pets without import permits or quarantine, provided the animals have international veterinary passports with a record of examination within 14 days before departure made by a competent authority, in this case treated as equivalent to veterinary certificates. No exchange of such veterinary passports for other veterinary supporting documents is necessary if the animals are imported from third countries.

No more than two dogs or cats at a time may be transported on the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union as personal pets, with veterinary passports issued as per Annex 2 or 3, and without quarantine. The passport must have records certifying that the animal was vaccinated in accordance with these Requirements and any subsequent vaccinations were made before the expiry of the previous one. The animal has to have been clinically examined within 14 days from the departure, with a record to that effect by a veterinary doctor made in the passport and authorizing the transportation of the animal for the next 120 days subject to the validity of its rabies vaccination/revaccination in this period.

Form 15

1. Shipment description	1.7. Certificate No.
1.1. Name and address of the consignor	Veterinary certificate for fur animals, rabbits, dogs
	or cats exported to the customs territory of the
	Eurasian Economic Union
1.2. Name and address of the consignee	1.8. Country of origin
1.3. Type of animal	1.9. Competent authority of the exporting country
1.4. Number of animals	1.10. Exporting country's service issuing the
	certificate
1.5. Transportation means:	1.11. Customs border crossing point
(carriage/truck/flight/ship No/name)	
1.6. Country(-ies) of transit	

- 2. Health condition
- I, the undersigned, state/official veterinary doctor, hereby certify that:
- 2.1. The clinically healthy animals exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union come from territories free of the following infectious animal diseases:
- anthrax for all types of animals, for the past 20 days on the territory of the farm;
- rabies and tuberculosis for foxes, polar foxes. Dogs and cats, for the past 6 months on the respective administrative territory or the territory of the farm;

For minks and ferrets:

- mink encephalopathy and Aleutian disease of mink for the past 36 months on the territory of the farm;
- tularemia for the past 12 months the territory of the farm;
- rabies and tuberculosis for the past 6 months on the respective administrative territory or on the territory of the farm;

For rabbits:

- rabbit viral hemorrhagic disease, tularemia, pasteurellosis (Pasteurella multocida, Mannheimia gaemolitica) for the past 12 months on the territory of the farm;
- myxomatosis for the past 6 months on the territory of the farm;

2.2. During the quarantine, the animals were clinically examined. The examinations were carried out using the
following OIE-recommended laboratory methods (specify lab name, date and method):
- for minks – for Aleutian disease
- for cats - for dermatophytosis

If not vaccinated within the past 12 months, all the carnivores transported (except for any minks and for dogs and cats under 3 months) were be vaccinated at least 20 days before shipping (except for the cases when the 1 year+ immunity term of a rabies vaccine has not yet expired, or when the laboratory test results confirm that the rabies

immunity level is at least 0.5 IU/MI;).	
If not vaccinated within the past 12 months, the animals were vaccinated at least 20 days before departure for the following diseases:	
 foxes and polar foxes – carnivore distemper; minks and ferrets – carnivore distemper, viral enteritis and pseudomonosis; nutrias – pasteurellosis; dogs – carnivore distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and adenovirus diseases, leptospirosis (unless prophylactically treated with dihydrostreptomycin or its functional equivalent registered in the exporting country); cats – panleukopenia; rabbits – myxomatosis and viral hemorrhagic disease. 	
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2.3. Before shipment, the animals underwent the following veterinary treatments (specify methods and dates)	
2.4. The animals imported to the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union are identified.	
2.5. The vehicle underwent treatment and preparation required by the rules of the exporting country.	

Place Date Signature of the state/official veterinary doctor Full name and position Note: the signature and seal must be in ink different from that of the form