

## **Quarantine regulations on dogs and cats imported to Korea**

Quarantine regulations regarding imported dogs and cats to Korea are going to be changed and will be put in force on December 1 2011. Main changes of the regulations are microchip implantation and neutralizing antibody test to rabies. The detailed information is as follows.

### **1. Microchip implantation and neutralizing antibody test to rabies**

- A microchip should be implanted into the animal's body and identification number should be stated in the health certificate.
- A neutralizing antibody test to rabies should be subjected in the internationally approved laboratories about rabies inspection not less than 3 months and not more than 24 months prior to shipment with a positive result equivalent to at least 0.5 IU/ml or higher. The test result should be stated in the health certificate. But this requirement doesn't apply to the animals from rabies free region or under 90 days old.

### **2. Required documents and number of animals permitted to carry on**

- Animal health certificate issued by exporting authorities
  - ✓ Microchip identification number and information on neutralizing antibody test to rabies
- The maximum number of animals permitted to be imported without pre-report : 4 or less

### **3. Quarantine period**

#### **A. Dogs and cats 90 days or older from the birth**

- In case that the animals were identified by a microchip implantation in their body and neutralizing antibody result to rabies was 0.5 IU/ml or higher: 1 day
- In case that the microchip wasn't implanted: Until the day of the completion of the microchip implantation
- In case that the neutralizing antibody test was not conducted: Until the day the test result to rabies certifies 0.5 IU/ml or higher
- In case that the neutralizing antibody test was below 0.5 IU/ml: Until the day the test result to rabies certifies 0.5 IU/ml or higher after vaccination
- In case that no microchip implantation and no test for neutralizing antibody was performed: Until the day the microchip is implanted in their body and

neutralizing antibody result to rabies certifies 0.5 IU/ml or higher

B. Dogs and cats under 90 days old or from rabies free region

- In case that the animals were identified by a microchip implantation: 1 day
- In case that the microchip wasn't implanted: Until the day of the completion of microchip implantation

4. **Internationally approved laboratories about rabies inspection(example)**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm)

5. **Rabies free region according to OIE ('10.11.5)**

Japan, Taiwan, Cyprus, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal, Iceland, Guam, Hawaii, Samoa, Cayman Islands, French Polynesia, Martinique, Department of Reunion, Wallis and Futuna, Albania, Dominican Republic, Macedonia, Lichtenstein, Malaysia, Switzerland.

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➤ Notice

In case that microchips don't belong to internationally standardized products(ISO Standard : ISO 117874/11785), importers should prepare themselves for appropriate readers regarding these microchips.