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/livestock/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.