

Hello:

The attached file contains the European Union (EU) Certificate which complies with the European Union's regulations to have your pet(s) travel abroad. *Please note: this certificate is different from APHIS form 7001.* This European Union (EU) certificate must be completed by a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian and then endorsed (counter-signed) by USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services. To aid the Accredited Veterinarian with filling out the health certificate we also attached an annotated version, which contains explanatory notes, and an example certificate. **(The annotated and example certificates must only be used as an aid.)**

Key Considerations:

1. All pets must be identified by an ISO-compliant microchip (transponder).

Pet dogs, cats, and ferrets exported to a Member State of the European Union (EU) must be identified with a microchip compatible with ISO standard 11784 or 11785. If a microchip does not comply with ISO standards, the appropriate microchip reader must accompany the pet. Alternately, if a non-ISO compatible microchip was implanted, and the client is unable to travel with a microchip reader, then the accredited veterinarian can implant an ISO-compatible microchip. The location and implant dates of both microchips must be documented on the health certificate.

2. All pets over 12 weeks of age must be vaccinated against rabies.

- Vaccination *must* be administered on or after the date of microchip implantation.
- Twenty one (21) days must have elapsed after a “primary vaccination”.

Exception: Pets 12-16 weeks of age traveling on the non-commercial certificate (see below) do not have to wait 21 days to enter the EU.

Primary vaccination: Either – 1st vaccination on or after date of microchip implantation.

Or – a revaccination administered beyond the validity period of the previous vaccination.

Note: Any vaccinations given prior to microchip implantation are not considered valid regardless of vaccination history.

3. European Union Non-Commercial health certificate for pet travel:

- Covers most pets unless the number is greater than 5.
- Pet must travel with, or arrive within five (5) days of (before or after), a responsible person.
- Certificate is valid for travel for ten (10) days from the date it is issued.

European Union “**Commercial**” health certificate for pet travel (a.k.a. “imports” health certificate):

- Pet unaccompanied or arriving greater than 5 days before or after the arrival of the owner or responsible person.
- More than 5 pets whether accompanied or not by a responsible person.
- Certificate is valid for travel for 48 hours from the date it was issued.

Note: The validity period of either EU health certificate begins when the certificate is issued (signed and dated) by your Accredited Veterinarian.



4. The certificate **MUST** be endorsed by the USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services and you must travel to the EU within the validity period of the certificate. (See details below for logistics and fees/payment.)
5. Tapeworm treatment is required 1-5 days prior to travel to the UK, Ireland, Malta, Finland and Norway. (See country specifics at the link below for details.)
 - Please note that Malta requires the tapeworm treatment be completed before issuance of the health certificate by your accredited veterinarian making certificates for non-commercial movement of pets to Malta functionally valid for a maximum of 5 days.

Additional Information:

- We recommend that you contact your airline to find out if there are additional regulations which you must follow (e.g. APHIS form 7001 issued within 10 days of departure).
- International regulations are set forth by the country of destination. The USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services is responsible for distributing those regulations to US travelers and to ensure that, to the best of our abilities, the proper documents accompany the pet(s).
- For more information on international pet export regulations please visit:
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/>

Once you access the regulations please select the country specific bilingual form (where applicable) from the drop down menu.

- For information on bringing your pet(s) back into the United States please visit:
[Pets Returning to the United States](#)

To have a health certificate endorsed by the USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, follow these instructions:

- Mail the documents to the office nearest you (*See locations towards the end of this email*).

Essential Documentation to have a health certificate endorsed

- *For some countries if you are traveling with more than one pet each must have its own documentation, as well as additional payment.*
- The EU health certificate
- Rabies vaccination certificate

Endorsement Fee:

- \$38.00 per certificate Acceptable payment methods
- Check or money order made payable to the USDA
- *We do not charge a user fee for service animals. We do require documentation from an authority declaring the animal as being a service animal.*
- ***We do not accept cash***



Mailing Instructions:

NOTES:

- Certificates are generally endorsed within 24 hours on business days if no errors/problems exist.
- Overnight the package to a USDA office using a service provider that uses a tracking number feature such as UPS, FedEx or USPS Priority Express. This will allow you to track the progress of your package and will decrease the chances of it being lost in the transport system.
- Include a **PRE-PAID** return label so that we can return your package. **The label must be purchased and paid for. We do not accept shipping labels with credit card numbers on them.** Again, please use a service provider that uses a tracking number feature such as UPS, FedEx or USPS Priority Express. **Be sure to record the tracking number! VERY IMPORTANT: YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS SHOULD APPEAR IN BOTH THE SENDER AND THE RECIPIENT'S BLOCK OF THE RETURN LABEL.** The USDA address **should not** appear anywhere on your return label.
- FedEx and UPS packages will be picked up from our office every weekday afternoon. USPS packages will be picked up from our office every weekday morning. **DO NOT USE GROUND SERVICE. USE ONLY OVERNIGHT EXPRESS. WE DO NOT HAVE GROUND SERVICE PICK-UP AT OUR OFFICES.**
- We cannot accept a FedEx, UPS or USPS label with your credit card number listed as the payment method. If you want to have the return shipment charged to your credit card you will have to visit their store location or website and pre-enter the information and include the preprinted label.
- *If a return label is not included then we will return your package using USPS First Class Mail.*

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