Live domestic dogs from a group 3 country

Overview
Effective: 22 April 2017
This permit case covers:
Commodity: Live domestic dogs
End use: Post-entry quarantine
Country: All group 3 countries: Antigua & Barbuda; Argentina; Aruba; Austria; Bahamas; Balearic Islands; Belgium; Bermuda; Brunei; Bulgaria; Canada; Canary Islands; Cayman Is.; Chile; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Gibraltar; Greece; Greenland; Guernsey; Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Hungary; Ireland, Republic of; Isle Of Man; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Jersey; Korea, Republic Of (South Korea); Kuwait; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Luxembourg; Macau; Malaysia (Penninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak only); Malta; Monaco; Montenegro; Netherlands; Netherlands Antilles; North Mariana Islands (Saipan only); Norway; Poland; Portugal; Puerto Rico; Qatar; Reunion (FR); Serbia; Seychelles; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa, Republic Of; Spain; St Kitts & Nevis; St Lucia; St Vincent & The Grenadines; Sweden; Switzerland; Taiwan; Trinidad & Tobago (S. America); United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Virgin Island (BR); Virgin Islands (US)
Import Destination: Australia

1. Biosecurity Pathway
   a. Name: Name
      Microchip number: Microchip No
      Description: Breed/ description
      Date blood collected for the current RNATT: RNATT date current
   b. Date blood collected (approved countries) / received by laboratory (non-approved countries) for the previous RNATT: RNATT date previous
   c. The date you can export your animal from country to Australia is on or after date. Your animal cannot be exported to Australia prior to this date.
   d. Variation to standard import conditions
      The standard Department of Agriculture and Water Resources import conditions state that: Standard condition text
      Having considered the information provided, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has determined that:
      1. The animal(s) identified in this import permit will be considered eligible for import to Australia provided that: Variation to standard text
      2. All other import conditions must be met in full. The dispensation/equivalence outlined above must be included on the veterinary health certification that accompanies the
animal(s) to Australia (or the certifying official must sign and endorse the conditions outlined under this permit case).

e. **Conditions of Administration**
1. It is the person in charge's responsibility to identify and to ensure compliance with all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation.
2. Animals must be shipped in secure, escape proof containers that are clearly labelled 'Live animals under quarantine'. The container must meet the container requirements specified in the [International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations](https://www.iata.org). 
3. Consignments must be addressed and sent to the same port of arrival where the Australian quarantine facility is located.
4. The importer will need to make a booking at an Australian government quarantine facility prior to importing their animal. Bookings can only be made once an import permit has been granted by the department. Further details about Australian quarantine facilities and contact details are available on the [department's website](https://www.daff.gov.au).

![Any animal (including kennel mates, if shared) that is sent to Australia and found to be non-compliant with the conditions in this document may be subject to additional testing, an extended period in quarantine, immediate export or euthanasia. These actions will result in substantial fees and all fees will be borne by the person in charge.](https://example.com/image.png)

f. **Veterinary Requirement**

Rabies
1. Following a rabies vaccination, a blood sample must be collected from the dog and tested with a positive result of at least 0.5 IU/mL using either a fluorescent antibody virus neutralisation (FAVN) test or rapid fluorescent focus inhibition test (RFFIT) between 180 days and 730 days (24 months) before export.

2. The dog must have been given an inactivated rabies vaccine that:
   2.1. was given when the dog was at least 90 days of age.
   2.2. is valid, in accordance with the manufacturer’s directions, at the time of export.

Residency
1. The dog must not be under quarantine restriction at the time of export.
2. The dog must only be exported to Australia from an approved country.

External parasites and *Ehrlichia canis*
1. The dog must be treated with a product that kills ticks and fleas on contact (i.e. not one that relies on the tick to bite) at least 21 days before blood collection for *Ehrlichia canis* testing. Treatments must be repeated to provide continuous protection (i.e. repeated in accordance with manufacturer’s directions, for example, a monthly product must be re-applied with no longer than 31 days between treatments) until the time of export.

2. The dog must be tested with a negative result for *Ehrlichia canis* at a dilution of 1:40 using an indirect fluorescent antibody test, on a blood sample collected within 45 days.
before export and at least 21 days after a compliant external parasite treatment has been applied, as per point 1. and repeated as necessary.

3. At each stage of the pre-export preparation the dog must be thoroughly examined for external parasites. If any ticks are found, or if the external parasite treatment is not repeated in accordance with manufacturer’s directions, then the preparation must be started again as in points 1. and 2. above.


Internal parasites

1. The dog must be treated twice with internal parasite treatments effective against nematodes and cestodes. The two treatments must be administered according to manufacturer’s directions at least 14 days apart and within 45 days before export. The second treatment must be given within 5 days before export.

2. The dog must have never been to mainland Africa, or
3. The dog has been to mainland Africa and must be treated with a single dose of imidocarb dipropionate at a rate of 7.5 mg/kg body weight, or two doses at a rate of 6.0 mg/kg body weight given at least 14 days apart. Treatments must be by subcutaneous injection and given within 28 days before export.

Babesia canis rossi

1. The dog must have never been to mainland Africa, or
2. The dog must be tested with a negative result for Babesia canis using either a rapid slide agglutination test, a tube agglutination test or indirect fluorescent antibody test, on a blood sample collected within 45 days before export,

and

3. The dog must not have been naturally mated or artificially inseminated from at least 14 days before sample collection for Babesia canis testing until export.

Brucella canis

1. The dog must be desexed, or
2. The dog must be tested with a negative result for Brucella canis using either a rapid slide agglutination test, a tube agglutination test or indirect fluorescent antibody test, on a blood sample collected within 45 days before export,

and

3. The dog must not have been naturally mated or artificially inseminated from at least 14 days before sample collection for Brucella canis testing until export.

Leishmania infantum

1. The dog must be tested with a negative result for Leishmania infantum using either indirect fluorescent antibody test or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay on a blood sample collected within 45 days before export.

Leptospira interrogans sv. Canicola

1. The dog must be tested with a negative result (less than 50% agglutination) at a serum dilution of 1:100 using a microscopic agglutination test, on a blood sample collected within 45 days before export, or
2. The dog must be fully vaccinated against Leptospira interrogans sv. Canicola at least 14 days before export and the vaccination must be current at time of export.

Canine influenza virus (Dogs from the United States of America only)

1. The dog must be fully vaccinated against canine influenza virus as per the manufacturer’s directions between 365 days (12 months) and 14 days before export.
Examination of the animal
1. The dog must be examined and found to be free from ticks, fleas and clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease within 5 days before export.
2. The dog must not be more than 30 days pregnant, nor suckling young, at the time of export.

Animal identification
1. At each veterinary visit for testing, treatment or examination, the dog must be scanned and the microchip number must be correctly recorded on all documentation.

Report endorsement and attachment
1. All treatments, collection of specimens and examinations were conducted in an approved country by an official government veterinarian or a Government approved veterinarian.
2. All testing must be conducted in an approved country and in a laboratory recognised by the government of the country of export. All laboratory reports are in English and list the microchip number stated on the import permit, the date of blood sample collection for testing, and the testing method.

Travel to Australia
1. The dog must be transported to Australia as manifested air cargo.
2. The dog must be consigned to Australia in a container that meets the standard recommended in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulation Container Requirement 1.
3. The dog must arrive in Australia prior to the expiry date of this import permit.

To demonstrate compliance with this requirement you must present the following on a Health Certificate:
Evidence that the official government veterinarian or the competent authority endorsed the veterinary health certificate (Attachment A (Appendix 1) to the import permit, or an Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources agreed alternative certificate) to be true and that the dog fully complied with the pre-export requirements described in the import permit.

Evidence criteria
The following documents arrived with the animal in Australia and bear the original signature of the official government veterinarian and stamp of the competent authority on each page:
1. Valid import permit (each page does not require endorsement)
2. *Ehrlichia canis* laboratory report
3. *Leishmania infantum* laboratory report
4. *Brucella canis* laboratory report (if not desexed)
5. *Leptospira interrogans* sv. Canicola laboratory report (if not vaccinated)
6. Rabies neutralising antibody titre test (RNATT) laboratory report
7. Rabies neutralising antibody titre test (RNATT) declaration.

The microchip number listed on all the documents must match the microchip number scanned on the animal described on the veterinary health certificate.
Any corrections made to the export certificate must be struck through, remain legible and be signed and stamped by an approved representative of the Competent Authority.
In addition to meeting the department’s Minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy, the veterinary health certificate must comply with the following:

1. The document must provide identification for each animal in the consignment, including species, sex, and number of animals.
2. The document must detail the microchip number and site for each animal.
3. The document must detail any treatments, tests or statements as required by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources import permit.
4. The document must include the nature and identification of the means of transport including any seals used.
5. The document should contain the name of the exporter.
6. The document should contain the name of the person in charge.
7. The document must contain the name of the official veterinarian of the government of the exporting country. The name must be written in BLOCK LETTERS.
8. The document must include the title of the Official Government Veterinarian.
9. The document must contain the telephone number of the official veterinarian of the government of the exporting country.
10. The document must contain the fax number of the official veterinarian of the government of the exporting country.
11. The document must contain the email contact details of the official veterinarian of the government of the exporting country.
12. The document must contain the address of the official veterinarian of the government of the exporting country.
13. The document must contain the signature, date and stamp of the Official Government Veterinarian on each page (with the stamp of the government veterinary administration). The date must conform to the day/month/year format. Other documents e.g. laboratory reports and tables which form part of the extended health certification must also contain this information.

Certification must comply with Chapter 5.2 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, including that any manual deletions to the health certificate must be signed and stamped by the Official Government Veterinarian.

14. The document must be written in a language understood by the Official Government Veterinarian of the exporting country.
15. The document must contain the name of the country of export.
16. The document must contain the name of the certifying government Ministry or department.
17. The document must meet all requirements of the veterinary certification conditions.

Note:
Correction fluid must not be used.
18. Where the document has been signed by a Government approved veterinarian, it must be counter signed by the Official Government Veterinarian.

19. The document must contain the date on which the document is signed by the Government approved veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian.


g. **Breads**
   The dog must not be one of the following pure breeds:
   1. Dogo Argentino.
   2. Fila Brasilerio.
   4. American pit bull terrier or pit bull terrier.
   5. Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario.

The dog must not be a domestic/non-domestic animal hybrid (e.g. wolf-dog cross).

For further information on breeds of dogs not permitted entry into Australia please look up the Australia Customs and Border Protection Service [Prohibited and restricted imports](#) or contact:

Phone: +61 2 6275 6666
Phone: 1300 363 263 (within Australia)
Email: [Contact details](#)

h. **General vaccinations**
   For the welfare of your dog, the department strongly recommends that it has a current vaccination record at the time of export to Australia that protects against distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza and *Bordetella bronchiseptica*.

   Please note that some Australian States and Territories have their own specific vaccination requirements. It is the person in charge's responsibility to comply with these requirements.

i. **Travel to Australia**
   The dog must be healthy and fit to undertake the journey to Australia and undergo quarantine. The dog may commence its journey to Australia from any approved country. Certification of documents must be provided by the competent authority in the country of export listed on the permit.

   Dogs being exported from a [Group 3](#) country may transit or tranship in any country en route to Australia. The dog must not leave the international side of the airport. The dog may not be eligible for import if these requirements are not met.

j. **Minimum age**
   It is the responsibility of the person in charger to ensure compliance with any [International Air Transport Association (IATA)](#) or airline specific regulations applicable to the minimum age of an animal travelling on an international flight.

k. **Arrival in Australia**
On arrival in Australia the animal will be subject to biosecurity control and transported by a biosecurity officer directly to an approved arrangement site where it must remain for a minimum of 10 days.

The dog will be subject to a clinical examination within two business days prior to release from biosecurity control by an Australian government veterinarian. If a tick is detected on examination in post-arrival quarantine, the tick will be removed and the dog will be retreated with an external parasite treatment.

If any conditions of this permit are not fully met, or if a tick is detected on examination during post-arrival quarantine, the animal (including kennel mates, if shared) will remain under biosecurity control until all issues are resolved, or until the animal is exported from Australia or euthanased. The person in charge is responsible for any additional costs related to resolving any non-compliance issues associated with this permit.

Dogs will not be released from biosecurity control until all conditions for importation have been fulfilled.

Note:
Dogs will only be eligible for the minimum quarantine period of 10 days if all import requirements, as described in the import permit have been fulfilled.

For further information about preparing your animal, please see bringing cats and dogs to Australia. Further information about booking quarantine accommodation is available on the department’s Australian post entry quarantine facilities website.

l. Consignments that do not meet the import conditions of the department will remain in biosecurity control, be exported or euthanised without recompense.

m. Under the Biosecurity Charges Imposition (General) Regulation 2016 and Chapter 9, Part 2 of the Biosecurity Regulation 2016, fees are payable to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for all services. Detail on how the department applies fees and levies may be found in the charging guidelines.

n. Non-commodity information requirements for imported cargo also apply, please refer to the BICON case Non-Commodity Cargo Clearance.

![Timber packaging, pallets or dunnage associated with the consignment may be subject to inspection and treatment on arrival, unless sufficient evidence of a Department of Agriculture and Water Resources approved treatment is provided. All documentation presented to the department to assist in determining the level of biosecurity risk posed by transportation pathways and packaging must also meet the requirements of the non-commodity case.](image)
Appendix 1: Attachment A veterinary health certificate for dogs from group 3 countries

Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - Veterinary Health Certificate for dogs (Attachment A)

*To be endorsed by the Official Government Veterinarian*

*Note:* Some countries have an agreed alternative health certificate that they use instead of the model certificate below. Before using this model health certificate, the department recommends that you contact the competent authority of the exporting country to determine if they have an agreed alternative health certificate.

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*If mated, date of last mating: [Strike through as required]*

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*Date next booster due:
Note: All current *Leptospira interrogans* sv. Canicola vaccinations and booster due date must be recorded.

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### 3. Endorsement

I certify that after due enquiry all the information provided in this Veterinary Health Certificate is true and the dog fully complies with the pre-export requirements described in the Australian Import Permit and the microchip number listed on all documentation matches the microchip number scanned on the animal described here.

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End of Veterinary Health Certificate (Attachment A)