

General Procedures and conditions for the importation of live animals (Domestic and wild animals) into Sri Lanka

- ❖ Any person/ organization intending to import live animals should obtain prior approval from the Director General of the Department of Animal Production and Health DG/DAPH).
- ❖ The importers must send a request with a brief project proposal to DG/DAPH specifying the type of import, the country of origin, facilities available and the location where animals to be kept to obtain the updated Health requirements from DAPH. Based on that a specimen International Health certificate should be obtained from the responsible government veterinary authority of the exporting country.
- ❖ The Applications to be forwarded to the Dept. of Animal Production and Health (DAPH) in advance minimum of 2 week prior to import. (Animal Disease Act 59 of 1992, Provision 03)
- ❖ Upon receiving application a risk assessment will be carried out to on intended imports and this procedure may take 3-7 days in general

Import of **live animals** into Sri Lanka could be allowed subject to the following conditions:

1. Importer should submit the **relevant application** (FO/VRA/01) with all the **supporting documents prescribed in the application**.
2. Upon receiving the application, a risk assessment will be carried out on intended imports and this procedure may take 7 working days.
3. Importation of animals must be strictly adhere to the part III ,section 21, 22,23,24,25,26,27 and 28 of Sri Lanka Animal disease act, No.59 of 1992.
4. Record of all the test results, vaccinations and treatments done (Name of the vaccine/ drugs and the date of administration) along with all the relevant information to be submitted to the Director General/ Department of Animal Production and Health, Sri Lanka and get the permission 5 days before loading of the animals.
5. The intended date of arrival of the animals should be notified to **the** Animal Quarantine Officer, Animal Quarantine Station mentioned in the approval at **least four (04) days** prior to arrival.
6. Original of the international veterinary Health certificate in accordance with the specimen, and originals of prescribed documents mention I n the application should be submitted to the Animal quarantine officers on arrival of the consignment/ at the time clearance.
7. The Animals will be subjected to Quarantine surveillance at Animal Quarantine Station or an identified isolated place for minimum period of 30 (Thirty) days on its arrival.

8. All manure, litter and bedding materials in the animal carrying vessels should be disposed of in such a way as to prevent the transmission of diseases and in compliance with all relevant health and environmental legislation described under OIE specifications and international regulations.
9. The cost of post-import verification tests, treatment cost and feeding cost during entire quarantine period must be borne by the Importer.
10. The health requirement verification tests have to be done during the 30 days of quarantine period in Sri Lanka and found to be negative before release of imported animals from the post-import quarantine locations.
11. If any animal will fail to fulfil the health requirements stipulated in the International Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the relevant Veterinary Authority and will not have the negative results in testing for the diseases during the in-country quarantine period, animals should be re-exported or destroyed under the provision in Custom ordinance No 17 of 1869 and Animal Disease Act No. 59 of 1992 respectively. (The cost of such re-export or destruction and compensation for the damage should be borne by the importer).

**Department of Animal Production and Health
P.O. Box 13, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka**

(Please type or write clearly in BLOCK letters.)

Importer	Application For Permit to Import Domestic and Wild Animals (excluding Poultry, Cage & Aviary Birds)Animal Diseases Act. No.59of 1992 Reference No and Date of Application			
Name and Address of Importer Consignee :	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td>Office use only:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Approval No:.....</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date :.....</td> </tr> </table>	Office use only:	Approval No:.....	Date :.....
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Telephone & Fax No :				
Exporter /Consignee	Export Details			
Name and Address of Consignee :	Country of Origin:			
Telephone & Fax Nos :	Expected date of export :			
	Port of embarkation :			
	Route of Transport (Air/Sea) :			
	Expected Date of Arrival :			
	Port of disembarkation :			
Description of Animals				

Species*	Breed	No of Animals		Identification Marks (Microchip No.)	Age or Date of Birth
		Females	Males		
Proforma Invoice No. and Date:(If Applicable)					
Reference No. of Vet. Health Certificate:				Date:	
Quarantine History(if known)					
Has the Animal been in an Official Quarantine Premise or in a `restricted entry" area in the country of export?					
Yes		No			
If 'Yes' the Quarantine period was from..... (Date of entry) to: (Date of release).....					

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Agreement:

Director General,
Department of Animal Production & Health,
Peradeniya

I hereby agree:

- To adhere to conditions stipulated by the Department of Animal Production & Health (DAPH) in respect to importation of Domestic and Wild Animals into Sri Lanka;
- To forward an International Animal Health Certificate at the time of entry conforming to Health requirements stipulated by the DAPH;
- To quarantine these animals and allow authorized officers of the DAPH to examine and to take samples for necessary laboratory examination
- To inform Director General, Animal Production & Health on any diseases/ deaths among imported animals
- To follow any other terms and conditions as may be stipulated by the DAPH from time to time
- If any animal will fail to fulfil the health requirements stipulated in the International Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the relevant Veterinary Authority and will not have the negative results in testing for the diseases during the in-country quarantine period, animals should be re-exported or destroyed.

Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the above information is true and correct

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(Signature and Name of Applicant)

Date.....

Prescribed Documents to be submitted for importation

- ❖ Specimen International Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the exporting country Government Veterinary Authority.(For all animals)
- ❖ Blood Test reports and Vaccination Records (For dogs and cats as specified in the Health Requirements in web)
- ❖ CITES (in case of wild animals)
- ❖ A copy of a permit issued by the Department of Wild life Conservation to import wild species-only.
- ❖ Proforma Invoice.(If Applicable)