

Article 3

Commercial Quarantine Regulations

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NOTE: Rule-making authority cited for formulation of quarantine regulations by the Director of Public Health and Social Services, 10 GCA 20105.

Rule-making authority cited for formulation of quarantine regulations originally vested by the Director of Public Health and Social Services, §0 GCA §20104.

The regulations of the quarantine regulations are reprinted here in form as exact as possible to those filed on August 25, 1980 with the Legislative Secretary. The substance of these regulations has not been changed. However, for the purpose of uniformity and ease of use, a new system of numbering has been adopted by the Editor. It is hoped that the revised numerical system will eventually be substituted for that formulated by the Director of Public Health and Social Services.

§4301. Definitions. (a) *Department* means the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

(b) *Director* means the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services or his designated representative.

(c) *Animals* means any member of the Order Carnivora, Marsupulia, Chiroptera.

(d) *Commercial Quarantine* means a quarantine facility, including veterinary clinics, approved by the Director to confine animals under quarantine as required by applicable laws, rules and regulations. Except for veterinary clinics, other commercial quarantine facilities must have space for a minimum of twelve (12) dogs.

§4302. Quarantine Requirements - Owners. (a) All animals entering Guam from areas which are not recognized as being rabies-free by the Director must be confined at the government of Guam Yigo Quarantine Facility before being transferred to a commercial quarantine facility.

(b) Petitions for authorization of quarantine in a commercial kennel facility will be approved only for animals originating in the continental United States (excluding counties contiguous to the border between the United States and Mexico), Japan, Hong Kong and Oceania.

(c) Animals may be released for quarantine on commercial quarantine facilities only upon petition of the owner and approval of such petition by the Director.

(d) Owners of animals petitioning for quarantine on commercial quarantine facilities shall sign a statement that they agree to the terms of these regulations before their petition will be considered.

(e) Only animals vaccinated for rabies at least once if between six (6) months and one (1) year of age or vaccinated for rabies at least twice if one (1) year of age or older may be released for quarantine on commercial quarantine facilities.

§4303. Facility Construction - Commercial Quarantine Facility. (a) All kennels and runs will be constructed of materials impervious to water and readily cleaned and disinfected.

(b) Each dog kennel shall be provided with an individual exercise run of at least six (6) feet in length for toy breeds or at least ten (10) feet in length for all other breeds.

(c) Individual kennels and run units shall be separated by full-height solid walls, or if fenced, by a space of not less than eight (8) inches.

(d) Cages for cats shall not be constructed in tiers.

(e) Cages, kennels and runs shall be so constructed that the cleaning procedure will not bring animal waste in contact with any other cage, kennel or run in the facility.

(f) The premises of a commercial quarantine facility shall be surrounded by a perimeter fence at least six (6) feet high and topped by barbed wire.

(g) The premises of a commercial quarantine facility shall be maintained in good repair and escape-proof condition at all times.

(h) The premises of a commercial quarantine facility shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times.

(i) A responsible employee shall remain on the premises of a commercial quarantine facility at all times to observe dogs and cats periodically for signs of rabies.

§4304. Quarantine Requirements - Commercial Quarantine Facility. (a) Animals held in commercial quarantine facility will be strictly confined to cages approved by the Director.

(b) Animals will not be removed from their cages except upon authorization by the Director.

(c) Cages or kennels approved for quarantine will be in an area physically separated from areas used for housing all other animals.

(d) Cages or kennels approved for quarantine will be used only to house animals under quarantine.

(e) Cages or kennels will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before a new animal is introduced.

(f) A log book shall be maintained showing the entry date of all quarantined animals and any removal from their cages or kennels.

(g) Commercial quarantine facility must be available for inspection by the Director at any time.

(h) The commercial quarantine facility shall be responsible for the apprehension of an animal escaping from such facility. The Director shall be notified immediately of such an incident.

(i) Should an animal under quarantine die during the period of its quarantine, the carcass shall be released only to the Director.

(j) Animals under quarantine will be released to their owners only upon authorization by the Director.

(k) Transportation to the commercial quarantine facility shall be provided by the Department.

(l) Permit for commercial quarantine facility shall be renewed annually.

§4305. Penalty. Any violation of any provision of this regulation will be grounds for immediate confinement of the animal(s) involved at the government of Guam Quarantine Facility and/or cancellation of the authorization of the commercial quarantine facility involved.