

Plant and Animal Quarantine Regulations

Part VI - Animal Quarantine - Regulations and Quarantines (General)

43. Animal Quarantines - General

QA I Minimum conditions to be applied to live animal importations

(a) For the importation of live animals generally, including embryos and ova, the following minimum conditions and requirements must be met:

(i) the first port of entry into the FSM shall be specified in the import permit and shall be a designated, official point of entry;

(ii) the time and date of embarking, the estimated time and date of arrival in the FSM and the airline/flight number or ship/voyage number shall be communicated to the Administrator at the earliest possible time and no later than one weekday working day before embarkation of the animals for the FSM;

(iii) all animals shall be consigned to the FSM as manifested cargo unless otherwise specified in the import permit;

(iv) the facilities for the transport of animals shall conform with internationally accepted codes of practice as appropriate;

(v) all importations of animals are to be accompanied by:

(A) the import permit issued for that importation;

(B) a declaration signed by the owner or exporter of the animals providing such information and guarantees as may be required regarding the identification, history and origin of the animals; and

(C) an international animal health certificate signed and stamped by an official veterinarian of the exporting country certifying the state of good health of the animals and giving particulars where applicable of the biological tests to which the animal have been subjected and the vaccinations carried out on the animals which are the subject of the certificate and of any measures taken to prevent the spread of disease;

(vi) all animals shall be transported directly without trans-shipment, off-loading or contact with animals not the subject of the same import permit or animals not of equivalent certified health status from the port of departure to the port of arrival in the FSM unless other provisions have been made in the import permit;

(vii) notice of the death, loss or sickness of any animals during the voyage shall be given to an Inspector immediately on arrival in the FSM by the person in charge of the vessel or aircraft;

(viii) all foodstuffs, litter, manure, straw or bedding and packing material, crates, containers, or any other related articles shall be off-loaded only on the instructions of an Inspector, who may order their cleaning, disinfection, destruction, incineration or other means of disposal;

(ix) all animals and documents shall be inspected on arrival by an Inspector;

(x) no animal shall be released from quarantine unless an authorized veterinarian or his delegate is satisfied, following inspection, that the import is in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, that all conditions of the import permit have been met up to the time of arrival in the FSM and that no period of quarantine detention, treatment or tests are required;

(xi) unless an imported animal is released from quarantine following its arrival in the FSM it shall be detained under quarantine control until further notice and may be subjected to any test or treatment required to satisfy the conditions of entry for such animal;

(xii) any import permit granted is not transferable;

(xiii) any import permit may be cancelled or amended at any time after issuance and before arrival of the animal/s in the FSM should the animal health and/or quarantine status of the country of origin change or be reported to have changed prior to arrival;

(xiv) all costs and expenses of, and attendant upon, any importation, including any documentation, tests, inspections, treatments, detention in quarantine, destruction or reexportation, or of any other procedure or action taken or brought about under the provisions of these Regulations, shall be borne by the importer or owner, as applicable, and no compensation shall be payable by FSM for any loss or reduction in value caused by such action.

(b) In the case of any O.L.E. List A or List B disease, any communicable disease which is considered to be of socio-economic or public health importance and which is significant in the international trade of livestock and livestock products, or any communicable disease with important socio-economic or sanitary influence at the national level that affects live animals, for which export health certification conditions have not been prescribed in these Regulations, no permit shall be issued unless:

(i) the exporting country is free from such disease and no case of such disease was officially reported during the six months immediately preceding the importation of the animals concerned; or

(ii) if the country of export is not free from any such disease, the Administrator attaches such conditions on the import permit sufficient in his opinion to safeguard against the introduction of such disease. Such conditions shall not be less than those recommended in the International Animal Health Code of the O.L.E.

QA 2 Bonding of animals (ship's pets)

The master of every conveyance arriving in the FSM shall be required to enter into a bond with the Government of the FSM whereby any animal on board such conveyance may not be introduced into the FSM while such conveyance remains in the FSM unless permitted by an Inspector and subjected to quarantine safeguards.