
**ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTS) (ANIMALS, BIRDS AND POULTRY)
REGULATIONS**

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SCHEDULE

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animals (Diseases and Imports) (Animals, Birds and Poultry) Regulations.
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

“approved quarantine station: means a quarantine station appointed under section 15 of the Act;

“country of origin” means –

- (a) in relation to any animal, bird or poultry, the country from which the animal, bird or poultry was exported to Seychelles;
- (b) in relation to the carcass of any animal, bird or poultry, the country in which the animal, bird or poultry from which the carcass is derived was slaughtered;

“Veterinarian”, in relation to any animal, bird or poultry or carcass thereof, means a veterinary officer authorized by the Government of the country of origin of such animal, bird or poultry or carcass thereof.

PART II – GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION

3. No animal, bird or poultry, or any carcass thereof, or any eggs or fodder or litter shall be imported into Seychelles except through the New Port Victoria, Mahe or Seychelles International Airport.

- 4.(1) No animals other than dogs, cats, cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses and rabbits shall be imported into Seychelles.

(2) No birds other than single caged parrots of the species *Psittacus Erithacus* shall be imported into Seychelles.

5. Any animal, bird or poultry, or any eggs or fodder or litter to be imported into Seychelles shall, prior to its importation, be produced for examination by an inspector at such place as the Chief Veterinary Officer may appoint for the purpose and shall not be removed therefrom except with the express permission of the inspector.

6.(1) No animal, bird or poultry, or any carcass thereof, or egg shall be imported into Seychelles unless –

- (a) there shall be produced to an inspector a certificate from a Veterinarian issued not more than ten days before the animal, bird or poultry, or carcass, or egg was exported from the country of origin stating –
 - (i) that the animal, poultry or bird, or carcass, or egg has come from an area free of any disease specified in the import licence relating thereto; and
 - (ii) that the animal. Poultry or bird is free from any symptoms of infectious or contagious disease and
- (b) the certificate produced specifies the mark whereby the animal, bird or poultry, or carcass, or egg can be identified; and
- (c) the inspector to whom the certificate is produced is satisfied that the animal, bird or poultry, or carcass, or egg is individually identifiable by brand, mark, horn brand, ear tattoo, ear tag, leg tag or other similar means of identification.

(2) In the case of any animal specified in the Schedule hereto or any carcass, the certificate required by sub-regulation (1) shall state the particulars listed in the Schedule in addition to those required by sub-regulation

7.(1) Where any vessel or aircraft arrives in Seychelles from any place outside Seychelles, any animal or bird or poultry to which this regulation applies on board such vessel or aircraft shall, while the vessel or aircraft remains in Seychelles, be confined in an enclosed part of the vessel or aircraft and, in the case of a domestic dog, shall be secured to some part of the vessel or aircraft by a collar and chain and muzzled with a wire cage muzzle so constructed as to render it impossible for such dog while muzzled to bite any person or animal.

(2) if any animal or bird or poultry to which this regulation applies shall die on board or be lost from a vessel or aircraft in Seychelles, the person incharge of the vessel or aircraft shall forthwith give notice of such death or loss to the Chief Veterinary Officer in Seychelles.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), an inspector may seize and detain any animal or bird or poultry to which this regulation applies found on board any vessel or aircraft after arrival in Seychelles from any place outside Seychelles and may direct that any animal or bird or poultry so seized and detained shall be confined to such place as the Chief Veterinary Officer may appoint for the purpose.

(4) The provisions of this regulation shall apply to any animal or bird or poultry not accompanied by an import licence granted by the Chief Veterinary Officer under section 18 of the Act authorizing the importation of such animal or bird or poultry into Seychelles.

8.(1) The master of any vessel arriving in Port Victoria from outside Seychelles shall declare to the Collector of Customs or any customs officer the presence of any animal, bird or poultry on board the vessel whether or not such animal, bird or poultry is intended to be imported into Seychelles and give the name and address of the owner or consignee (if any) and a description of the animal, bird or poultry.

(2) The Collector of Customs shall forthwith report any declaration under sub-regulation (1) to the Chief Veterinary Officer.

9.(1) The captain of any aircraft arriving in Seychelles International Airport from outside Seychelles shall declare to the Collector of Customs or any customs officer the presence of any animal, bird or poultry on board the aircraft whether or not such animal, bird or poultry is intended to be imported into Seychelles, and give the name and address of the owner or consignee (if any) and a description of the animal, bird or poultry.

(2) The Collector of Customs shall forthwith report any declaration under sub-regulation (1) to the Chief Veterinary Officer.

10. No animal shall be imported into Seychelles on arrival by sea or air from outside Seychelles unless the master of the vessel or captain of the aircraft in which the animal was transported signs and produces to an inspector a declaration in such form as may be required by the Chief Veterinary Officer stating whether such animal has been unloaded from the vessel or aircraft at any intermediate port or airport and whether it has been in contact with any other animal.

PART III – SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO DOGS AND CATS

11.(1) No dog or cat shall be imported into Seychelles unless such dog or cat is imported directly from Great Britain, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland.

(2) No male or female dog of any of the following breeds shall be imported unless it has been sterilized by castration or ovario-hysterectomy:

- (a) Alsatian or German Shepherd;
- (b) Doberman;
- (c) Bull Terrier;
- (d) Greyhound;
- (e) Whippet;
- (f) Bull Mastiff;
- (g) Ridge-back;
- (h) Bulldog

- (i) Great Dane.

12. Except with the permission of the Chief Veterinary Officer, no dog or cat from outside Seychelles shall be imported into Seychelles if during the period of transporting to Seychelles it has been in contact with any dog or cat in respect transportation of which no certificate is in force as required by regulation 6 or it was unloaded at any intermediate port or import.

13.(1) No dog or cat shall be imported into Seychelles by air unless it shall have been transported in a sealed container bound with metal tape and having provision for feeding and watering such dog or cat without necessitating its release.

(2) If on inspection by an inspector the seal of the container in which the dog or cat was transported is found to be damaged or broken, such dog or cat shall be held in secure custody at the airport at the owner's risk until a decision has been made by the Chief Veterinary Officer with regard to its disposal, and such decision shall be final.

14. Any dog or cat imported by air in accordance with these Regulations shall be conveyed in such manner as an inspector may direct in the container in which it has been imported to an approved quarantine depot where it shall be detained in isolation for a minimum period of fifteen days.

PART IV – SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CATTLE PIGS, SHEEP, GOATS, HORSES AND RABBITS

15. No cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses or rabbits shall be imported into Seychelles unless the cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses or rabbits are imported directly from Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or from such other country as the Chief Veterinary Officer may approve.

16. Any cattle, pig, sheep, goats, horses or rabbits imported under these Regulations shall be conveyed in such manner as an inspector may direct to an approved quarantine station and shall be detained in isolation for a minimum period of thirty days.

PART V – SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO POULTRY BIRDS AND CARCASSES

17.(1) Any poultry or bird shall on importation be conveyed in such manner as an inspector may direct to an approved quarantine station and shall be detained in isolation for a minimum period of fifteen days.

(2) The Chief Veterinary Officer may waive the requirements of this regulation in the case of day-old chicks.

18. No parrot shall be imported into Seychelles unless the Chief Veterinary Officer is satisfied that the parrot is a pet-bird and has been in the personal care of the person seeking to import it for at least six months prior to importation.

19. Any parrot shall on importation be conveyed in such manner as an inspector may direct to an approved quarantine station where it shall be detained in isolation for a minimum period of fifteen days.

20. Except with the permission of the Chief Veterinary Officer, no carcass from outside Seychelles shall be imported into Seychelles if during the period of transportation it was unloaded at any intermediate port or airport.

PART VI – MISCELLANEOUS

21. The Chief Veterinary Officer may require in respect of the grant of an import licence, as a condition thereof, that the owner or consignee of any animal, bird or poultry to be imported into Seychelles shall provide food at his own expense for such animal, bird or poultry imported into Seychelles while such animal, bird or poultry is detained in an approved quarantine station.

22. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 6

PART I – ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS RELATING TO DOGS AND CATS

In the case of a dog or cat every certificate shall state the following additional particulars:

- (a) that such dog or cat has been sprayed or otherwise treated with insecticide so as to eliminate ectoparasites;
- (b) that there has been no rabies among unquarantined dogs, cats or other animals in the country from which the dog or cat was imported during the six months preceding importation;
- (c) that such dog or cat has been kept in Great Britain, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland for not less than six months;
- (d) in the case of a male or female dog of any of the breeds set out in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 11 of these Regulations that the male or female dog has been sterilized by castration or ovario-hysterectomy.

PART II – ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS RELATING TO CARCASSES

In the case of a carcass every certificate shall state the following additional particulars:

- (a) that the carcass was derived from a farm or ranch known to be free from the infectious or contagious diseases specified in the import licence;

- (b) that an ante and post mortem examination was carried out by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon and that the animal or poultry and carcass thereof were found free from the infectious or contagious diseases specified in the import licence;
- (c) that the carcass was held in cold storage for a period of at least two weeks prior to carcass leaving the country or origin for Seychelles;
- (d) that the carcass was prepared and handled in a sanitary manner, and was not exposed to any infectious or contagious disease while in cold storage and during transit to the port or airport of export.