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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ISRAEL  
FOR DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Up to two (each) dogs and cats accompanied by their owner may be imported into Israel without an import permit. The animals must have been in the owner's possession for at least 90 days before arrival in Israel. A health certificate, issued by an accredited veterinarian, is required. The certificate must also be endorsed by USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services. The certificate should include:

1. A certification statement that the animals were examined and found healthy and free from infectious and contagious diseases.
2. Date of rabies vaccination and product used. Dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies not more than one year and not less than one month prior to arrival in Israel. Dogs and cats under vaccination age, (3 months,) are not permitted import into Israel.

More than two (each) dogs and cats arriving with their owner require a Veterinary Import permit. A written application for such a permit is to be presented not less than 10 days before the planned date of departure of the animals. The application should include: 1) Type of animal, 2) Sex, 3) Breed, 4) Age, 5) Date of expected arrival in Israel, 6) Country of origin, 7) Other details, if any. There is a fee for the permit, payable by check. The application and payment should be sent to:

The Director of Veterinary Services  
Ministry of Agriculture  
PO Box 12  
Beit Dagan 50250  
ISRAEL  
Telephone: (03) 9681612  
Fax: (03) 9681753

Animals arriving separately from their owners also require an import permit, regardless of the number of animals.

The permit, if granted, will include all needed veterinary conditions and requirements pertaining to the referred animal.

Animals for which the veterinary requirements have not been fulfilled, or suspected of a disease, shall be quarantined for a length of time decided by the Director of Veterinary Services. Animals arriving in Israel without the above mentioned documents will be returned to the country of origin or destroyed.