

Importing Dogs and Cats to Brazil

Mandatory Documentation

- **Original International Health Certificate** issued by the Official Veterinarian Service in the country of origin;
- **Filled application form** (Form XXIX); and
- **Certificate for Rabies vaccination:**
 - For animals older than three months, rabies vaccination is mandatory;
 - In case of first immunization against rabies, the owner of the animal must wait at least 30 (thirty) days before travelling to Brazil;
 - For animals with age under to 3 (three) months, the Certificate for Rabies vaccination is not obligatory;
 - Information mandatory in the Certificate for Rabies vaccination:
 - Owner identification and address; and
 - Animal identification, breed, sex, date of birth, coating color and size.
- **For animals from countries listed by OIE as rabies free, the required Certificate for Rabies vaccination does not apply.**

Specific requirements

- The International Health Certificate must mention the country of origin and the country of destination (Brazil);
- The Health certificate must mention that the animal has been examined within 10 (ten) days before travelling to Brazil and did not show signs of clinical disease.
- The Health Certificate for animals from countries that officially informed OIE of Rift Fever or African Equine Pest occurrences must also mention:
 - There was not an occurrence of an outbreak of these two listed diseases in the last 3 (three) years and within fifty km, and
 - The animals did not travel or stay in places affected by these diseases, in the last 3 (three) years.

General requirements

- The International Health Certificate must have been issued no longer than 10 (ten) days before arrival to Brazil;
- There is no obligation of rabies serology for cats and dogs imported to Brazil;
- There is no obligation of specific treatments;
- There is no mandatory quarantine period, if all mentioned documental are accordingly presented;
- If the Health Certificate does not present the Portuguese version, an official translation may be ordered;
- **Animals arriving at Brazil without the Health Certificate or with an inaccurate or incomplete International Health Certificate will be sent back to the country of origin, at the expense of the importer.**