

## Guidance notes for official government veterinarians endorsing certificates of health and origin for import of a dog or a cat to Iceland

Strict conditions apply to the importation of pets to Iceland, including health requirements and a two week quarantine upon arrival. A Certificate of Health and Origin must be issued by an authorised veterinarian in the country of export 5-10 days prior to importation into Iceland. **The certificate is to be endorsed by an official veterinarian on behalf of the competent authority in the country of export.** No later than 5 days prior to importation into Iceland a scanned copy of the signed and endorsed certificate and all required laboratory reports must be sent to MAST (The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority) by e-mail ([petimport@mast.is](mailto:petimport@mast.is)) for pre-approval.

### Items to check when endorsing the certificate of health and origin for import of a dog or a cat to Iceland:

1. That the certificate form applies to the species in question and country category; D1, D2, C1 or C2 (see below).
2. That all required vaccinations, testing, treatments and examinations have been done within the required timeframes prior to export (as is stated in the certificate).
3. That the veterinary medicinal drug used for treatment for internal parasites is indicated both for roundworms and tapeworms (nematodes and cestodes).
4. That the veterinary medicinal drug used for treatment for external parasites is indicated for lice, fleas and ticks. For details see guidance notes for parasite treatment; [dogs](#); [cats](#).
5. That any required laboratory test reports include the following information: laboratory name, correct microchip number, blood sampling date and test results compliant with the import conditions.
6. Include the name and contact information for the official veterinarian (part 10/11 C/D certs).
7. Date, sign and stamp the certificate of health and origin with an official government stamp (part 10/11 C/D certs).

**It is preferable that the original hardcopy of the certificate of health and origin is submitted to the official government veterinarian for endorsement. However if this is difficult to comply with, MAST may approve endorsement of high quality scanned copies of the certificate and laboratory test reports. Electronic endorsement (where applicable) may also be approved. A scanned copy of the endorsed documents must be sent by e-mail to MAST ([petimport@mast.is](mailto:petimport@mast.is)).**

For further information contact MAST at [petimport@mast.is](mailto:petimport@mast.is) or by telephone +354 530 4800 (Office of Import and Export). Instruction guides and certificates: <https://www.mast.is/en/import-export/import-of-live-animals>

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### Country categories:

- **Category 1 countries (rabies free countries):** Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway (excl. Svalbard), Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Faroe Islands, United Kingdom.
- **Category 2 countries (rabies well controlled):** Canada, Greenland, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Singapore, Turkey, Thailand, USA.

### Certificate forms:

- [D1 Certificate of Health and Origin for Import of a Dog to Iceland from a category 1 country](#)
- [D2 Certificate of Health and Origin for Import of a Dog to Iceland from a category 2 country](#)
- [C1 Certificate of Health and Origin for Import of a Cat to Iceland from a category 1 country](#)
- [C2 Certificate of Health and Origin for Import of a Cat to Iceland from a category 2 country](#)