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**पशु संगरोध एवं प्रमाणीकरण सेवा**

**ANIMAL QUARANTINE & CERTIFICATION SERVICES**

(Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries)

BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED,

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**Important information pertaining to the establishment and functioning of the Office of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services(AQCS) at Bangalore**

This communication addresses the following points

- 1 Objectives of the office
- 2 Current Status and scope of activities of the office at Bangalore
- 3 Procedure for import/export of animals and animal products into and out of India

**1 Objectives of the Office of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Bangalore.**

The major objective of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) is to prevent the ingress of livestock and poultry diseases exotic to India as per provisions of Livestock Importation Act, 1898.

Towards this the office issues

- a) **No Objection Certificate** for import of companion animals (only pet dogs and cats) into India. Import of animals (birds, mammals, fish or reptiles) or animal products (meat -raw or processed-, skin, hoof, feather, Shuttelcock, buttons etc.) other than the above including laboratory animals will necessitate the procurement of an import license / sanitary import permit from a competent authority(DGFT) prior to issuance of the NOC from the AQCS Bangalore Office. Finished leather, also a regular import item in the category of animal products, does not require a permit or a license and can be imported only after clearance from the AQCS office.
- b) **Health Certificate / Export Fitness Certificate** on standard format or as is required by the importing country - within the jurisdiction of this office –towards facilitation of export of live animals as per the international requirements.

In addition to this, the Livestock Importation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 was promulgated on 5.7.2001 as an amendment of the existing Act. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture Govt. of India has issued a notification on 7.7.2001 including the import and export of livestock products, specifically,

- Meat and meat products of all kinds including fresh, chilled,cooked and forzen meat, tissue or organs of poultry, pig, sheep, goat;fish
- Egg and egg powder;
- Milk and milk products;
- Bovine, ovine and caprine embryos, ova or semen; and

- Pet food products of animal origin
- Any other

under the purview of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services. Towards this the AQCS Bangalore office issues **Certificate of Health and Sanitary fitness for both import and export consignments** elaborated above.

**\* FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ALL THE ABOVE LISTED LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, ALL AIRLINES SHOULD VERIFY THE DOCUMENT ISSUED FROM AQCS, BANGALORE OFFICE AND KEEP A COPY OF THE SAME IN THEIR RECORDS. (QUARANTINE OFFICER, AQCS BANGALORE WILL VERIFY THE SAME FROM TIME TO TIME)**

**\* AIRLINES SHOULD INFORM THE QUARANTINE OFFICER ABOUT ANY IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PETS AT LEAST 6 HOURS BEFORE BOARDING TO VERIFY WHETHER SUCH A CONSIGNMENT HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE INTENDED. (informing the AQCS office upon booking of the pet for travelling is desirable)**

## **2 Current Status and scope of activities of the office at Bangalore**

The AQCS Office at Bangalore has started functioning in the year 2009 under the aegis of the relevant department under the Government of the State of Karnataka as an adhoc arrangement. Since July 2011, the regular **Quarantine Officer** has been appointed and posted at the station from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture Govt. of India. *The State Government of Karnataka (Dr Ezaj Ahamed, Quarantine officer in charge and his team) has now been completely relieved of all responsibilities pertaining to this function in Bengaluru.*

*(All communications pertaining to this department now need to be addressed to the undersigned)*

At present the address of the AQCS Office is situated at  
Room Number 024  
Alpha 3 Building, BIAL,  
Bengaluru 560300

The Animal Quarantine Station for this office is under construction at  
Animal Quarantine Station,  
Soldevanahalli, Near CPDO Campus,  
Hessarghata, Bangalore, Karnataka

### **3      Procedure for import/export of animals and animal products into and out of India**

#### **IMPORT ( pet animals – only dogs and cats - as accompanied baggage)**

- i) First information: The importer or his/her authorized representative should contact the Animal Quarantine officer at least 15 days in advance about the intended import consignment.
- ii) The details pertaining to the same must be physically submitted to the office of the AQCS on a prescribed format of the office along with photocopies of the following
  - a. Veterinary Certificate/ Health Certificate of the animal issued only by the Designate Veterinary Officer of the exporting country confirming the health status of the animal/s and its fitness for export/ travel. This certificate should be only in English (or bilingual with one language as English) as per annex 1 or 2 as the case may be.
  - b. Pet Passport with details of vaccination
  - c. Copies of the passport and Travel ticket of the owner of the animal
- iii) After satisfactory verification of the above documents, the AQCS office will issue the NOC for import of the animals / consignment which needs to be carried physically along with the animal.
- iv) On arrival at BIAL, the importer will report to the Quarantine Officer with the original copies of all the above listed documents for obtaining a Provisional Quarantine Clearance Certificate which will be issued upon satisfactory verification of the documentation and the physical health of the animal
- v) On satisfactory completion of 30 days of home quarantine, the importer must contact the AQCS office for final clearance of the animal from the quarantine angle.

#### **EXPORT ( pet animals – only dogs and cats - as accompanied baggage)**

- i) The EXPORTER must contact the AQCS office at least 15 days ahead of the expected date of export with the completed application form and the following documents/information
  - a. Health record of the animal (pet passport) with vaccination details and serum antibody profile(if applicable)
  - b. Copy of import licence and export permit(if applicable)
  - c. Copy of Health and Zoo Sanitary requirements of the importing country or the requirements as mutually agreed upon.
  - d. Travel ticket and a copy of the passport of the owner of the pet.

- ii) The quarantine officer will issue a Veterinary Certificate for export after verification of the above in accordance with the requirements of the importing country and physical examination of the animal in question.

## IMPORT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

For IMPORT of livestock products the importer will need a license /Sanitary Import Permit as applicable and permission from AQCS,Bangalore

## EXPORT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

For EXPORT of animal products the exporter has to contact the office of the undersigned and as per the requirements of the importing country AQCS will issue necessary certificates /documents

IMPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS,BIRDS,REPTILES,INSECTS,FISH or ANY OTHER LIVESTOCK OR THEIR PRODUCTS NEEDS PERMISSION FROM GOVT OF INDIA(DGFT LICENSE OR SANITARY IMPORT PERMIT) AND PERMISSION FROM REGIONAL OR STATE ANIMAL QUARANTINE AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES.ALL AIRLINES MUST CHECK THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE LIFTING/BOARDING OF ANY ANIMALS OR PRODUCTS AND INFORM PASSENGERS OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.ANY IMPORT WITHOUT THE VALID DOCUMENTS ARE COSIDERED ILLEGAL AND THE AIRLINES WILL BE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE ALONG WITH THE IMPORTER.

AQCS, Bangalore office looks forward for co-operation from all Airlines in implementing the rules and regulations of Govt of India. For any further clarification, help or assistance please contact AQCS, Bangalore office.

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