



**BIOSECURITY AND MARKET ACCESS DIVISION
MINISTRY OF PRIMARY RESOURCES AND TOURISM
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CATS & DOGS INTO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

1. COMMODITY TYPE: Cats and dogs

2. COUNTRY OF EXPORT:

SCHEDULE COUNTRIES	NON-SCHEDULE COUNTRIES
Australia Ireland New Zealand United Kingdom Singapore	All countries EXCEPT listed in schedule countries

3. PURPOSE: Personal pet

4. VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF CATS & DOGS

4.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate dated not more than **fourteen (14) days** prior to export and must be signed by a *government approved veterinarian of the exporting country* and *endorsed by an official government veterinarian of the exporting country*, certifying the details of the consignment as follow:

- 4.1.1 Import Permit reference number issued by government competent authority of Brunei Darussalam;
- 4.1.2 Name and address of importer;
- 4.1.3 Name and address of exporter;
- 4.1.4 Identification of animal i.e. species, breed, date of birth and microchip number.

4.2 The cat/dog was vaccinated against the following diseases **not less than fourteen (14) days** and **not more than one (1) year** prior to export to Brunei Darussalam;

- 4.2.1 Dogs – Canine Distemper, Canine Hepatitis and Canine Parvoviral Infection
- 4.2.2 Cats – Cat Flu (Feline calicivirus & Feline rhinotracheitis virus) and Cat Enteritis (Feline panleucopaenia/ Feline parvovirus)

4.3 The cat/dog must be treated for both **external** and **internal parasites** (state the active ingredients & date of treatment):

- 4.3.1 External parasites (ticks and fleas) within 2 – 7 days prior to the flight and
- 4.3.2 Internal parasites (nematodes and cestodes) within 2 – 7 days prior to the flight

4.4 The cat/dog is found to be **healthy, free from clinical signs** of infectious or contagious disease and fit to travel **within 48 hours** prior to export.

4.5 COUNTRY OF EXPORT: SCHEDULE COUNTRIES

- 4.5.1 The country of export is **officially free from rabies** for past **two (02) years** prior to export.
- 4.5.2 The cat/dog has been **continuously resident** in the country/place of origin for at least **six (06) months** prior to export or **since birth**.

4.6 COUNTRY OF EXPORT: NON-SCHEDULE COUNTRIES

4.6.1 The animal has been **vaccinated against rabies** with a government approved inactivated virus vaccine or recombinant vaccine expressing the rabies virus glycoprotein:

4.6.1.1 In the case of a **primary vaccination**, the vaccine was given not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of shipment, when the animal was at least three (03) months old. A copy of the vaccine certificate is required; **OR**

4.6.1.2 If a **booster vaccination**, the vaccine was given not more than one (01) year prior to the date of shipment. A copy of the most recent and previous vaccination certificate is required.

Note: rabies vaccination must be kept up-to-date from the date of sample collection for the rabies titre test to the date of shipment and if the animal was vaccinated twice, these rabies vaccines were administered more than thirty (30) days apart;



- 4.6.1.3 The animal has been subjected to a **rabies antibody test** (as prescribed in the OIE Manual) on a sample collected not less than three (03) months and not more than twelve (12) months prior to the date of shipment, with a result of **at least 0.5 IU/ml**.

Note: This test was carried out not less than thirty (30) days after receiving a primary or a booster rabies vaccination and it was carried out by an official diagnostic laboratory approved by the Competent Authority of the exporting country.

4.7 COUNTRY OF EXPORT: RESIDING IN SCHEDULE COUNTRIES LESS THAN SIX (06) MONTHS

- 4.7.1 Rabies vaccination and serology test requirement is similar to point 4.6 above.

5. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

- 5.1 Only domesticated cats (*Felis catus*) and domesticated dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) are eligible for importation.
- 5.2 Animals must be uniquely identified with an ISO-compliant microchip. The microchip number must be recorded on all vaccination records, laboratory results and certification.
- 5.3 The cat/dog is not pregnant or less than four (4) weeks pregnant if it is a female.
- 5.4 All treatments and inspections must be conducted by either a Government Approved veterinarian or an Official veterinarian of the Competent Authority of the exporting country.
- 5.5 The animals must meet all import requirements as specified in the Veterinary Health Certification.

6. BREED RESTRICTION

6.1 Breed restriction for cats:

- 6.1.1 Bengal cat crosses imported into Brunei require documentary proof that they are at least a 5th generation cross from the ancestral stock of *Prionailurus bengalensis*. 4th generation crosses and below cannot be imported to Brunei as pets as they are not considered domesticated cats.
- 6.1.2 Savannah cat crosses imported into Brunei require documentary proof that they are at least a 5th generation cross from the ancestral stock of *Leptailurus serval*. 4th generation crosses and below cannot be imported to Brunei as pets as they are not considered domesticated cats.

6.2 Breed restriction for dogs:

- 6.2.1 List of restricted breed of dogs include
1. Bull Mastif
 2. Bull Terrier
 3. Doberman
 4. Rottweiler
 5. German Shepard/Alsatian (including Belgian Shepard & East European Shepard)
- 6.2.2 Importing restricted breed of dogs and their crosses are only allowed if these conditions are met:
- 6.2.2.1 Importation is intended as personal pet or security purpose only and NOT intended for sale or breeding
- 6.2.1.2 Dogs shall not be less than 3 months of age at the time of import and must be desexed (neutred/spayed) before importing into Brunei Darussalam
- 6.2.1.3 Dog shall be kept secured within the home compound at all times
- 6.2.1.4 Dog shall be kept on a leash and muzzled at all times in public area for safety reason
- 6.2.1.5 Dog shall be under the control of a trained and skilled handler at all times (for Security Dogs)
- 6.2.1.6 The dog has undergone obedience training.

6.3 Banned breed of dogs:

- 6.3.1 The following banned breeds of dogs and their crosses are NOT allowed to be imported into Brunei Darussalam due to the threat they pose to public safety:
1. Pitbull including: American Pit Bull Terrier (also known as American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier), American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier and American Bulldog
 2. Akita
 3. Boerboe
 4. Dogo Argentino
 5. Fila Brasileiro
 6. Neapolitan Mastiff
 7. Tosa, Perro De Presa Canario.



7. POST ARRIVAL QUARANTINE

- 7.1 Dogs and cats arriving from countries that pose a rabies risk shall be quarantined immediately on arrival, for a minimum period of six (06) months
- 7.2 Upon arrival the animal shall be quarantined at the Government Quarantine facility. The quarantine period is dependent on the option chosen by the owner or agent to meet the import requirements for rabies control:
- 7.2.1 If the animal was vaccinated against rabies and had a satisfactory rabies serology test results, it will undergo a minimum quarantine of 14 days in the Government Quarantine Centre.

8. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

- 8.1 Documents accompanying the consignment are Import Permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, treatments/vaccination records and laboratory test results (if applicable).
- 8.2 All documents must:
- 8.2.1 Be in English and/or Malay;
- 8.2.2 Be original, unless otherwise stated (example copies of laboratory reports or vaccination records must be endorsed by the Official Veterinarian); and
- 8.2.3 Be endorsed on every page by the Official Veterinarian with their original stamp, signature and date.
- 8.3 Where specified, any pre-export laboratory tests must be carried out at a laboratory approved by the Competent Veterinary Authority of the exporting country using an approved test. Laboratory results must be attached to the Veterinary Health Certificate accompanying the consignment.
- 8.4 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the veterinary conditions is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity clearance or rejection of the consignment.

9. TRANSPORTATION TO BRUNEI

- 9.1 The consignments of cats and dogs must be carried and caged (with labels) in accordance with the current Live Animal Regulations of IATA (International Air Transport Association) and are secured using an official seal.
- 9.2 The animal has travelled the entire journey without leaving its crate and was carried separately from other animals on board.
- 9.3 In the case of transshipment or transit via other countries, the animal did not leave the cargo transshipment area of the airport or was kept in isolation in an approved quarantine during transshipment. Otherwise, the animal may not be eligible for import or may be held under quarantine if these conditions are not met.

10. NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

Date, expected time, port of arrival and the flight number or ship's name must be notified to the Biosecurity Officer at the airport/port of entry at least 7 days in advance of importation.

11. BORDER INSPECTION

- 11.1 Upon arrival in Brunei Darussalam, an authorised officer will inspect thoroughly the animals and the documentation accompanying them. The animal must be found to be visibly free of clinical signs of disease and be free from ectoparasites. If the animals are found to be healthy and documents are in order, it shall be released to the importer or his agent.

- 11.2 Operational hours at the designated control posts for biosecurity clearance are as follows:

Control Posts	Working Days	Operational Hours
International Airport Berakas for passenger	Monday to Sunday	6.00am – 6.00am
International Airport Berakas for cargo	Monday to Sunday	8.00am – 12.00am
Muara Port	Monday to Sunday	8.00am – 4.00pm
Serasa Ferry Terminal	Monday to Sunday	7.00am – 6.30pm
Kuala Lurah	Monday to Sunday	6.00am – 6.00pm
Ujung Jalan	Monday to Sunday	6.00am – 4.00pm
Labu	Monday to Sunday	6.00am – 4.00pm
Sungai Tujoh	Monday to Sunday	6.00am – 6.00pm

Operational hours are temporarily closed every Friday (12.00pm – 1.30pm)



12. NON-COMPLIANCE

If the animals do not meet the import requirements upon arrival or if any document is not in order, the consignment shall be returned to the country of export or detained by the authorized officer for any appropriate actions. All expenses for any necessary actions are to be borne by the importer or his agent.

13. OTHERS

- 13.1 Pursuant to the Subsidiary Legislation of "Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases (Animal) Regulations", Chapter 47 of Brunei Laws, this document is hereby the Veterinary Conditions of cats and dogs into Brunei Darussalam.
- 13.2 These Veterinary Conditions may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in import policy, or the animal health status of the originating countries, at the discretion of Biosecurity and Market Access Division.
- 13.3 Biosecurity and Market Access Division has the right to suspend importation of the consignments from countries either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.
- 13.4 Biosecurity and Market Access Division is not liable in any manner whatsoever for any delays or costs that may be incurred as a result of any inspection to ensure that the consignment complies with the term of the import requirement.

14. APPLICATION FOR IMPORT PERMIT

- 14.1 Each consignment shall be accompanied by a valid Import Permit issued by the government competent authority of Brunei Darussalam.
- 14.2 Appointed registered forwarding agent must apply for the import permit by submitting an online application through <https://login.bdnsw.gov.bn> (Brunei Darussalam National Single Window)
- 14.3 When submitting application, please attach any required supporting documents if applicable.
- 14.4 Process of issuance Import Permit takes three (3) working days from the date of application received, provided all information and/or supporting documents submitted are complete.
- 14.5 Permits will be issued on single consignment only (one permit per consignment).
- 14.6 The validity of import permit is three (3) months for consignment entering through Muara Port Control Post, Serasa Ferry Terminal and Brunei International Airport, whereas thirty (30) days for consignment entering through other Control Posts: Kuala Lurah, Sungai Tujoh, Ujung Jalan and Labu.
- 14.7 The fee payment is B\$7.00 per permit.

APPLICATION / ENQUIRIES

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POST ARRIVAL QUARANTINE PROCEDURES FOR CATS AND DOGS

1. GOVERNMENT QUARANTINE STATION

- 1.1. Dogs and cats arriving from countries that pose a rabies risk (non-schedule countries) shall be quarantined immediately on arrival, for a period of six (06) months.
- 1.2. Animal imported from Non-Schedule Countries must complete a minimum of thirty (30) days or fourteen (14) days in the Government Quarantine facility depending on the categories the importer opt for the compliance of import requirements.

	Treatment Option	Period of Quarantine Require
1	Animal was vaccinated against rabies only	30 days
2.	Animal was vaccinated against rabies and had a satisfactory rabies serology test results	14 days

- 1.3. There are two (02) locations available:

Terunjing Quarantine Station
(Brunei-Muara district)

Address:
Lebuhraya Rimba / Jln Utama Terunjing
Kg. Terunjing Baru Berakas BB1514
Negara Brunei Darussalam

Sungai Tujoh Quarantine Station
(Belait district)

Address:
Pos Kawalan Sungai Tujoh
Daerah Belait
Negara Brunei Darussalam

- 1.4. Owners who requested to quarantine their cat(s) / dog(s) at Sungai Tujoh Quarantine Station, and the time and date of arrival of their animal is after 2.00pm during working days (Monday to Thursday and Saturday) or on Friday, Sunday and public holiday, the cat(s) / dog(s) shall be quarantine first at the Terunjing Station upon arrival and will transfer to Sungai Tujoh on the next day during working hours.

2. VISITING PROCEDURES

- 2.1. The designated visiting hours are at both Terunjing Quarantine Centre and Sg. Tujoh Quarantine Station:
 - 2.1.1. Monday to Thursday and Saturday: 8.30am – 11.30am and 2.00pm – 4.00pm
 - 2.1.2. Friday, Sunday and Public Holiday: 9.00am – 11.00am
- 2.2. Only authorized staff, owners and registered visitors are allowed to enter the quarantine premises. Visitors are required to sign in and sign out, as well as record the time of arrival and departure.
- 2.3. If the applicant is not the owner of the animal(s) described in this application, the applicant is deemed to have obtained the expressed consent of the owner of the animal(s) to present the owner on all matters for the quarantine of the animal in the quarantine station.
- 2.4. The owner or authorized representative (supplying satisfactory identification) may visit the quarantined animal during the period of quarantine.
- 2.5. Minors under the age of eighteen (18) years have to be accompanied by an authorized adult who will be responsible for their actions and safety within Government Quarantine premises.
- 2.6. Visitors are advised to keep their valuables with them while on the Government Quarantine premises. Biosecurity Division will not be responsible for any loss of belongings left in the premises.
- 2.7. Visitors must not come into contact with animals other than their own in any manner.
- 2.8. Giving food or medicine to any animals other than their own is strictly prohibited.

3. KENNEL ACCOMODATION

- 3.1. Only one (01) animal occupies each kennels or cattery room, however, owners seeking to house more than one cat or dog in the same cattery cage or kennel may do so at their own risk; but cats and dogs must not be housed together.
- 3.2. Quarantine is free of charge.



- 3.3. The applicant shall take full responsibility for all claims and costs made against Biosecurity Division if such claims and costs arise from any misrepresentation made by the applicant.
- 3.4. The owner or authorized representative (supplying satisfactory identification) is responsible for the transporting from Post Entry, caring, cleaning the cattery cage or kennel and feeding of the animal during the entire quarantine period.
- 3.5. The owner or authorized representative (supplying satisfactory identification) is responsible, during and after visits, to ensure that the kennel(s) or cattery cage(s) is/are properly latched or locked. Biosecurity Division will not be responsible for any animal escape or injury found owing to the negligence of the owner.

4. ANIMAL MEDICAL CARE

- 4.1. An authorised private veterinarian will examine your animals for any clinical signs of exotic diseases soon after their arrival and just before their release from quarantine will be at the expense of the importer/agent. Inspection for exotic diseases, the quarantine station staff will also rely on constant observation of your animals during the quarantine period.
- 4.2. If there is concern arises as to your animal's health, which relate to a non-exotic disease, your appointed private veterinarian must deal with it. Owners are encouraged to check their pets for any signs of illness (e.g. skin or ear problems) during the visits, to enable early detection of potential problems and prompt veterinary attention if necessary.
- 4.3. If the staff believes your animal(s) required veterinary attention, they will try to contact you and inform you regarding the need for veterinary consultation for your animal(s).
- 4.4. Please ensure that your contact details are accurate and up to date to allow quarantine staff to contact you promptly should the need arise. However, there may be occasions when staffs are unable to contact you, to enable the quarantine station to arrange for a private veterinarian to attend your animal(s), please complete the authorization form attached.
- 4.5. The cost of attendances and treatments by private veterinarians shall be borne by the owner.
- 4.6. Biosecurity Division shall not be held responsibilities for any illness, loss of damage, however caused, to the animals in the quarantine station. In the event of the death of the animals, the animals will be sent to Veterinary Laboratory Services for post-mortem.
- 4.7. Requesting to shorten the quarantine period will NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

5. DISCHARGE FOR HOME QUARANTINE

- 5.1. Animals that has completed quarantine period (14 days or 30 days) at the Government Quarantine Facility will be proceed for home quarantine until completion of six (06) months period, is subjected to the following conditions:
 - 5.1.1. The animals must be in healthy condition and does not show any exotic clinical sign of diseases on the date of release, inspected by registered and authorized veterinarian (by Department of Agriculture and agrifood), at the expense of the importer/agent.
 - 5.1.2. The animal must be kept in enclosure where there is no contact with other animal.
 - 5.1.3. The animal is not allowed to go outside from the enclosure during the quarantine period.
 - 5.1.4. The animal should not be moved from one premise to another premise.
 - 5.1.5. If the animal shows any exotic clinical sign of diseases during home quarantine period, the owner is advised to inform/report Biosecurity Division immediately.
 - 5.1.6. If the animal were found to be dead during the home quarantine period, the owner is advised to report Biosecurity Division immediately and the carcass brought to the Terunjing Quarantine Centre for disposal.
 - 5.1.7. Random inspection will be done during the entire home quarantine period.
- 5.2. Failure to comply the above conditions; Biosecurity Division has the right to take back the animal to Government Quarantine Centre/Station until a minimum of six (06) months quarantine period is completed.