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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली -110 001,

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001,

दिनांक / Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**


**Subject: Requirement of COVID-19 testing in live animals before importing into India- regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.Ms. of even number, dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 and 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (**copies enclosed**) stating that to rule out the spreading of COVID-19 infection through imported animals, the concerned Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) will issue advance No Objection Certificate / Final AQCS clearance for import of Cats (domestic- *Felis catus*), other members of the Family: Felidae i.e. tigers (*Panthera tigris*), lions (*Panthera leo*), snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*), pumas (*Puma spp.*) etc. and Gorillas (*Gorilla spp.*), other animal species (great apes) of Family Hominidae including chimpanzees, orangutans etc. into India, after receiving negative COVID-19 test report or additional certification / attestation (for the pet cats) in addition to other existing requirements in this regard, till such situation prevails.

2. The matter has been reviewed and the requirement of negative COVID-19 test report or additional certification / attestation (for the pet cats) to import above animals into India has been withdrawn with immediate effect. However, other extant requirements to import live animals into India will be applicable.

3. This has the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

**Encl: As above.**

  
27-04-2022

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दिनांक / Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Requirement of COVID-19 testing in live animals before importing into India- regarding.**


The undersigned is directed to refer the above cited subject and to say that as per advisory dated 30 April, 2021 by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in view of the spread of COVID-19 in the country and reports of death of lions due to COVID-19, there are possibilities of spread of the virus amongst animals in National Parks/ Sanctuaries and other protected areas and also transmission of the virus from humans to animals and vice-versa.

2. Further, as per World Animal Health Organization (OIE) Technical Fact Sheet, the Cats (domestic), Large cats (tigers, lions, snow leopards and pumas) and Gorillas are having high susceptibility of infection against natural COVID-19 infection.

3. In view of above and to rule out the spreading of COVID-19 infection through imported animals, the Cats (domestic- *Felis catus*), other members of the Family: Felidae i.e. tigers (*Panthera tigris*), lions (*Panthera leo*), snow leopards (*Panthera uncial*), pumas (*Puma spp.*) etc. and Gorillas (*Gorilla spp.*) have to be tested for COVID-19 infection by the travellers / exporters in the exporting country while importing into India, till such situation prevails.

4. The concerned Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) will issue advance No Objection Certificate / Final AQCS clearance for import of aforesaid animals into India after receiving negative COVID-19 test report (no more than 3 days old before export into India) in addition to other existing requirements in this regard.

5. This has the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

  
21-06-2021

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दिनांक / Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Requirement of COVID-19 testing in live animals before importing into India- regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. of even number, dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021 (**copy enclosed**) stating that to rule out the spreading of COVID-19 infection through imported animals, the concerned Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) will issue advance No Objection Certificate / Final AQCS clearance for import of Cats (domestic- *Felis catus*), other members of the Family: Felidae i.e. tigers (*Panthera tigris*), lions (*Panthera leo*), snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*), pumas (*Puma spp.*) etc. and Gorillas (*Gorilla spp.*) into India after receiving negative COVID-19 test report (no more than 3 days old before export into India) in addition to other existing requirements in this regard, till such situation prevails.

2. The matter has been reviewed based upon suggestions of various stakeholders regarding problems and practices being faced in real life. The consideration for the pet Cats (domestic- *Felis catus*), the following procedure will be adopted for import into India, in addition to other existing requirements in this regard;


Negative COVID-19 test result (RT-PCR) no more than 7 days old before export into India.

or

Additional certification / attestation from the official veterinarian of the exporting country that as per the available facts / records, the pet cat (domestic- *Felis catus*) has not been residing or in contact with positive COVID-19 human or animal within 14 days before shipping and showing no symptom of respiratory illness.

3. This has the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

**Encl: As above.**

  
26-07-2021

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दिनांक / Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Requirement of COVID-19 testing in live animals before importing into India- regarding.**

In continuation of this Department's O.M. of even number, dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021 (**copy enclosed**), the undersigned is directed to clarify that like Gorilla, other animal species (great apes) of Family Hominidae including chimpanzees, orangutans etc. will also be tested for COVID-19 before importing into India.

2. This has the approval of the competent authority.

**Encl: As above.**

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24-08-2021

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