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Government of India
मत्स्य पालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001,
दिनांक / Dated the 28th February, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Facilitation in import of pet dogs and pet cats along with stranded Indians being rescued in war-hit Ukraine - regarding.

In exercise of the power conferred by the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898, this Department regulates import of livestock which are liable to be affected by infectious or contagious disorders. The procedures for import of livestock into India has been notified vide S.O. 1495, dated 11th June, 2014. Further, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for import of live animals into India were issued vide this Department's O.M. dated 15 July 2020.

2. Considering unique and extraordinary situations in war-hit Ukraine wherein pre-export requisite formalities to export of pets into India may not be fulfilled, the import of pet dogs and / or pet cats along with stranded Indians being rescued by the Government of India, is being facilitated as one time relaxation measure as under;

(1). Pre - Import conditions:

(i). The declaration of the owner that the pet dogs and / or pet cats is residing with him / her at least for the past one month.

(ii). The owner should produce the pet vaccination certificate / pet book / pet passport indicating the history of the vaccination. The requisite vaccinations due / delayed by not more than 15 days shall also be considered.

(iii). In case the pet dog and / or pet cat is lifted from nearby neighbouring countries like Hungary, Poland etc, then the owners are advised to get the pet animals checked from the veterinary authorities of respective country, in case available at airport or nearby.

(2). Post- Import conditions:

(i). The pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported with proper updated vaccination certificate shall be given final Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) clearance from the airport, after examination of documents and clinical examination by AQCS or State Veterinary Authorities (where AQCS office is not located).

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(ii). The pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported with proper official veterinary health certificate with vaccination details issued by nearby neighbouring countries shall be given final Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) clearance from the airport, after examination of documents and clinical examination by AQCS or State Veterinary Authorities (where AQCS office is not located).

(iii). The pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported with vaccination certificate / pet book / passport and the last vaccination is not completed and is due / delayed by 15 days, than the pet shall be quarantined at AQCS or premises identify by concerned State Veterinary Authorities (where AQCS office is not located) for 15 days and the due vaccinations shall be done by AQCS / State Veterinary Authorities before quarantine clearance. The pet dog and / or pet cat shall be released with certificate of vaccination and health.

(iv). The pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported without any veterinary health certificate or vaccination certificate, shall be quarantined at AQCS or premises identify by concerned State Veterinary Authorities (where AQCS office is not located) for 30 days. During quarantine period, the due vaccinations for all concerned diseases with primary and / or booster doses shall be done by AQCS / State Veterinary Authorities before quarantine clearance. The pet dog and / or pet cat shall be released with certificate of vaccination and health.

(v). AQCS or State Veterinary Authorities (where AQCS office is not located) shall keep all records of these pets under intimation to Customs and this Department.

(3) Observations after post-import quarantine clearance:

In all above cases, the owners shall submit veterinary health certificate to concerned AQCS or State Veterinary Authorities (where AQCS office is not located) after 30 days of post-import quarantine clearance issued by local State Veterinary Authority to ensure health status of such pets.

(4) Cost of quarantine:

All the expenditures towards post-import quarantine of pet dog and / or pet cat including quarantine charges, vaccinations, medications etc. shall be borne by the owners as per actual / prevailing applicable charges by AQCS at minimal.

(5) In case pet cat owner is tested COVID-19 positive after entering into India, the testing of COVID-19 in pet cat shall be done during post-import quarantine.

(6) With regard to applicable requirements of other Departments or Agencies such as Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Customs etc for import of pet dogs and / or pet cats into India, the concerned Department or Agency may consider to take appropriate decision in this regard.



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3. All Regional officers / Quarantine officers, Animal Quarantine and Certification Services are requested to co-ordinate with respective State Veterinary Authorities in their jurisdiction and to share details of each import with this Department.

4. This facilitation will not be considered and quoted as a precedent in future. As the situation in Ukraine is changing fast and in dynamic flux with lots of uncertainty, this O.M. is issued for specific and unique moment for facilitating entry of pet dogs and / or pet cats belonging to Indian nationals being evacuated from the war zone by the Government of India.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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To,

- 1) Chief Secretary / Administrator, All States / UTs.
- 2) ACS / Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, All States / UTs with a request to identify and earmarked premises in advance for undertaking post-import quarantine of pet dogs and / or pet cats, to nominate and share the contact details of veterinarian in this regard (excluding Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai where AQCS Stations are located). Further, AQCS Stations are also located at Bangaluru and Hyderabad, however, quarantine facility is not available at these locations.
- 3) All Regional Officers / Quarantine Officers, Animal Quarantine Certification Services, Delhi / Mumbai / Bangaluru / Chennai / Kolkata / Hyderabad.

Distribution for kind information and necessary action to;

- 1) Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi. Email: psfs@mea.gov.in
- 2) Ambassador, Embassy of India, Kyiv, Ukraine. Email: cons1.kyiv@mea.gov.in, cons.kyiv@mea.gov.in
- 3) Commerce Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. Email: csoffice@nic.in
- 4) Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi. Email: secy.moca@nic.in
- 5) Joint Secretary and Chairman, Animal Welfare of India, DAHD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 6) Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. Email: dgft@nic.in

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- 7) Joint Secretary (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi. Email: jscus@nic.in
- 8) Director (Customs), Department of Revenue (dircus@nic.in)
- 9) NIC, DAHD with a request to upload on the Department and AQCS's website.

Copy also for kind information to;

- 1) PS to the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
 - 2) PS to the Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (SKB).
 - 3) Sr. PPS to the Secretary, AHD.
 - 4) PPS / PS to the AS (VJ) / AHC / JS (OPC) / JS (UB) / JS (GNS).
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