

Ministerial decision No. 348 of the year 2008 in relation to the health requirements for importing animal of companionship (Pets Animals) to the UAE

Minister for Environment and Water

After studying the Federal Law No.1 of the year 1979 pertaining to the tasks of the ministries, the ministers' authorities and the laws issued in the amendment thereof.

And the Federal Law No. 6 of the year 1979 pertaining to the veterinary quarantine and the laws issued in amendment thereof.

The Cabinet Decision No. 5 of the year 2006 on entrusting us of some of the ministerial tasks.

The Ministerial Decision No. 460 of the year 2001 to legislate the Executive B-law of the Veterinary quarantine systems in the GCC countries.

The Ministerial Decision No. 64 of the year 2005 pertaining to the conditions of importing pet animals of companionship to the UAE.

For the safety of the community from the diseases that transmits by pet animals of companionship such as (Dogs & Cats).

**Based on the necessities of the public interest:
Have decided the followings:**

Article (1)

What meant by pet animals in the resolution are the Dogs and Cats.

Article (2)

Terms and conditions for the pet animal's general health

Pet Animals are not allowed to enter the UAE, unless the following conditions or terms are met.

1. The animal should be set with an approved chip electronic identification before starting the program of the immunizations which are approved by the competent authorities, and the program will include immunization against rabies.
2. The animal should be accompanied by an animal book of immunization, official passport and should include strictly electronic segment number, and date of birth and all immunization used and the manufacturer name, the number of function, the date of immunization as well as all labels of the vaccine should be attached.

3. A health certificate should accompanied the imported animal issued by a specialized veterinarian authorities in the exporting country, giving the full definition of the animal, including No. of the electronic chip and all kinds of immunizations and treatments used in addition to the results of all tests required under the provisions of this resolution.
4. The health certificate should includes that the animal has been examined within 48 hours before the date of export by the veterinarian who has the power to issue the veterinarian health certificates, and the animal should not shows any symptoms of any sort of disease and is in a good condition.
5. The animal should be subjected to the treatment against external and internal parasites during the ten days prior to the shipment as it has shown in the index III along with the detailed information of the medicine that was given to the animal and the name of the active substance and its' dosage within the official health certificate.

Article (3)

World countries are classified according to the degree of seriousness against Rabies into two groups, as they set out in Index I:

1. Countries of the first group:-

Which considered of Low Risk Countries

Should apply Article II on the Pet Animals that are imported from the FG countries, in addition to that, the ammonized animals against rabies disease should stay in the country of origin for at least 21 days from the date of export, according to the manufacturer's instructions of the vaccine

2. Second group countries:- Which not considered of Low Risk Countries

Should apply Article II on the Pet Animals that are imported from the SG countries, in addition to the following conditions:-

- That the animals should be immunized against rabies in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer of the vaccine and the animal should not be less than three months of age at the beginning of the vaccination.
- To provide a certificate from an accredited laboratory according to a test that has been performed to determine serum draw objects rabies immune against the

disease in a period of not less than three months from the date of shipment and to show that the level of the immune bodies of at least half of IU or equivalent.

Article (4)

Additional conditions for Dogs

- **Other additional immunizations:-**

That the dogs should have been immunized with an approved vaccine (first dose of the vaccine and the boost dose if necessary, according to the manufacturer's instructions against the following diseases:

1. Canine Distemper virus (CDV)
2. Canine Parvo virus
3. Infectious Canine hepatitis
4. (Ictohaemorrhagea-Canicola) Leptospirosis

- Other additional tests in a laboratory accredited by the governments of the exporting countries.

The dogs should be checked against the following diseases after collecting samples in the laboratory for a period of less than one month prior to export and use of the tests contained in Index II.

1. The Canine Ehrlichiosis disease and then should be treated against the external parasites within 24 hours prior to the examination of blood samples for this test.
2. The Leishmaniasis: it does not need to do such test for a dog has a certificate proving that the dog's state of origin is a free State from this disease and has not reported any cases of this disease leishmaniasis in dogs.

Article (5)

Additional Conditions for Cats

- **Other additional immunizations:-**

That the cats should have been immunized with an approved vaccine (first dose of the vaccine and the boost dose if necessary, according to the manufacturer's instructions against the following diseases:

1. Feline Pan Leukopenia (FPV)
2. Feline Rhinotrachitis (FHV-1)
3. Feline Calicivirus (FCV)

Article (6)

The Department of Livestock has the Right to:

- Amend the Countries of Index I of this resolution in the first and second set, according to reports from relevant international organizations.
- Amend the tests and vaccines which are required in this resolution whenever it's requested.

Article (7)

It is strictly forbidden to enter the UAE any species listed under the list of prohibited Dogs and Cats which are listed in Index IV, through the outlets of all land, sea and air and is the right of the Department of Livestock to delete or add of any type of banned breeds.

Article (8)

Any person who violates the provisions of this resolution, the Department of Livestock is entitled to:

Take all measures and powers to confiscate or return any shipment to the country of origin at the expenses of the animal's owner without prejudice to any punishment by the Panel Code or any other law.

Article (9)

The resolution is force as of the date of issue and all other inconsistent with the exclusion of previous resolutions are cancelled, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Attachments

The Ministerial Decision Number 348 for the year 2008

According to the conditions of the health regulations for importing Pet Animals to the United Arab Emirates

Index I

World Countries are classified according to the degree of the seriousness of danger in the world against rabies disease into two groups:

1. World Countries are Considered of Low Risk

Australia	Austria	Andorra	Ascension Island	Antigua & Barbuda
Aruba	Barbados	Bahrain	Bermuda	Denmark
Canada	Chile	Cyprus	Cayman Islands	Croatia
Fiji	French Polynesia	Falkland Islands	Germany	Gibraltar
Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Ireland	Italy
Japan	Jamaica	KSA	Kuwait	Luxembourg
Liechtenstein	Monaco	Malta	Montserrat	Mauritius
Mayotte	Norway	Netherlands	New Caledonia	New Zealand
Portugal	Qatar	Sweden	Spain	Switzerland
San Marino	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	Saint Kitts & Nevis	Singapore	United Kingdom
USA	Vatican City	Vanuatu	Wallis & Futuna	

2. The Countries of the Second group which not considered of a Low Risk are all the countries which have not been mentioned within the First Group Countries

Second Attachment

The dogs are to be examined by using certified tests against the following diseases and the result is ought to be negative:

1. Ehrlichiosis- Dog/s must be tested for Ehrlichia canis infection by indirect fluorescent antibody test. The test must give a negative result at a dilution of 1:40.
2. Leishmaniasis- Indirect fluorescent antibody or ELISA or Direct agglutination test.

Third Attachment

Treatments should be against the external parasites (ticks) and the internal parasites (worm's film) which should be according to the manufacturer's instructions:

1. A medication contains a Praziquantel to treat the Tapeworms (Taenia).
2. A medication contains a Fipronil or Permethrin (Frontline) to treat the external parasites (ticks).

The Management has the right to add to its list any other medications approved by the Ministry of Environment and Water

List of the species of Pet Animals that are banned from importing to the UAE

1	All kind of Pit bull Terrier
2	American Pit bull Terrier
3	Brazilian Fighting Dog (Fila Brasileiro; Brazilian Mastiff)
4	Argentinian Fighting Dog (Dogo Argentino; Argentinian Mastiff)
5	American Staffordshire Terriers
6	Japanese Tosa (Tosa Inu; Tosa Fighting Dog)
7	Wolf