



CONDITIONS FOR IMPORT OF PET DOGS FROM THE EU/EFTA¹ REGION INTO SWEDEN

(do not apply to direct import from the United Kingdom, Ireland or Iceland. See: Conditions for direct import for pet cats and dogs from UK, Ireland and Iceland)

Dogs may enter freely from Norway

EXPORT/IMPORT TO OTHER COUNTRIES THAN SWEDEN:

Information on import into other countries than Sweden can be obtained from these countries' veterinary authorities or embassies.

1. BASIC CONDITIONS: To be the subject of importation into Sweden on the conditions 1-6 stated below, dogs must have stayed within the EU/EFTA¹ region during the last **six months** before importation. The pet owner must be registered for import of dog at the Swedish Board of Agriculture (see point 3). **The ID-marked dog must be vaccinated** (see point 1,4). **The dog shall be accompanied by certificates and a licence** (see point 3, 5, 6). These certificates, vaccination documents, blood test result document and the Licence for Registered Importer shall in the original (not photocopies or telefax copies) and upon request be presented to the Swedish customs authorities upon crossing the border. Import shall take place at a point of entry manned by the customs authorities and be reported to the said authorities (Tel: +46 771 520 520).

Keeping or owning of wolf hybrids is illegal in Sweden. Pet dogs not complying with the rules will not be allowed to enter Sweden.

2. IDENTITY MARKING: The dog shall be identified by means of a permanent tattoo or have a micro-chip, which conforms to the ISO standards, implanted. The ID number shall be present in all vaccination certificates as well as in the blood test result document from the laboratory. There is no requirement for the tattoo number to be taken from an official register. If the dog has a microchip implanted it is important to check whether the customs authority at the place of entry is equipped with an appropriate microchip reading instrument (Tel.+46 771 520 520). If not, the pet owner will have to provide her/his own reader, at his/her expense, to enable the microchip to be read successfully.

3. REGISTRATION (Licence for Registered Importer):

The pet owner must be registered for import of dog at the Swedish Board of Agriculture. The licence costs 400 Swedish crowns and allows for the import of maximum 10 pet dogs or cats during a one-year period, provided that all animals and their ID-numbers are referred to in the application. **The application should be the Board to hand at least 30 days before estimated time of departure.** Your application will not be processed until a receipt or receipt copy of the paid amount has arrived, enclosed with your application, at the Animal Disease Control Division.

Application for registration is done as follows: a receipt of the paid fee (SEK 400) together with data regarding name, address, type and ID number(s) of animal(s), country of dispatch as well as time of entry into Sweden is sent by the pet owner (by mail or by fax) to the Animal Disease Control Division, Swedish Board of Agriculture, SE-551 82 Jönköping, Sweden. The fee is paid through the Board's postal giro account number: **95 57 99 - 2**. Payment from abroad is made via SWIFT (address: PGSI SESS) or Eurogiro.

The licence is issued irrespective of the completion of vaccinations or blood test. The licence is valid for a period of one year from the date of issue, unless otherwise stated. No amendments of dates or other items may be done on an issued licence. The paid fee will not be reimbursed if the application or the licence should be revoked. **Lost import licence is not compensated.** An application for a new import licence with a new payment receipt must be sent to the Animal Disease Control Division. The forms for the Compiled Vaccination Certificate and the Veterinary Health Certificate are sent to the importer together with the import licence.

4. VACCINATIONS: (please note that the dog must be ID marked before it is vaccinated/tested for antibodies)

A) Rabies: the dog must have been vaccinated against rabies with an approved rabies vaccine (see enclosure), and the vaccination may not have been performed more than 410 days (i.e. 1 year and 45 days) prior to the entry into Sweden. Please observe that **rabies vaccinations performed earlier than at the age of three months (90 days) are not valid** for entry into Sweden.

Blood test regarding rabies antibodies must be made not earlier than 120 days (and not later than 365 days) after the rabies vaccination. (If the dog has received more than one rabies vaccination, the blood sample must be taken not earlier than 120 days after the last performed vaccination). The blood sample must be taken by an authorised veterinarian, analysed at a laboratory approved by the Swedish Board of Agriculture, (see enclosed

¹ Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland.
N.B. Non-European parts of these countries not included.

list), and show a protective antibody titre of at least 0,5 international units per millilitre blood (IU/ml). If the dog does not reach the specified antibody titre, the rabies vaccination must be repeated and an additional blood test must be performed 120 days later.

Exception: Blood test regarding rabies antibodies is not necessary if the dog after the first vaccination against rabies has been blood tested as stated above and then been re-vaccinated within a period of one year and 45 days (=410 days) from the date of the last vaccination. This implies that a dog which has achieved an approved antibody level does not have to undergo additional blood test if it is subsequently re-vaccinated yearly against rabies in accordance with the above rules.

NOTE: If more than 410 days (i.e. 1 year and 45 days) **have passed between the rabies vaccinations, the blood test procedure must be performed anew at least 120 days after the vaccination.** The Board of Agriculture will not grant any exception to this rule.

B) Leptospirosis*

The dog must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine, and the vaccination must not be older than 410 days (i.e. 1 year and 45 days) when the pet is imported into Sweden.

C) Canine distemper*

The dog must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine, and the vaccination may not be older than 775 days (i.e. two years and 45 days) when the pet is imported to Sweden. The dog must be at least eight weeks old at the time of the first vaccination.

* Upon the first vaccination or upon delayed re-vaccination, the dog may only be imported into the country not earlier than 30 days after performed vaccination. If the dog receives two vaccination injections, the 30 day period is counted from the first vaccination administered. The 30 day limit for import does not apply to dogs which have been re-vaccinated against leptospirosis within a period of one year and 45 days (=410 days) and against canine distemper within a period of two years and 45 days (=775 days) from the date of the last vaccination.

5. COMPILED VACCINATION CERTIFICATE: This form is enclosed with the licence and shall be retained by the licence-holder for at least three months after the date of entry to Sweden. An authorised veterinarian shall, on the original form from the Swedish Board of Agriculture and with the dog's original vaccination certificates and blood test result as supporting documents, certify that the ID-marked dog has been vaccinated and approved on the blood test in accordance with the above rules. The expiration dates for the Compiled Vaccination Certificate and for the Licence for Registered Importer are not the same. The registration is valid for a period of one year from the date of issue, whereas the validity of the Compiled Vaccination Certificate is limited by the time of validity of all relevant vaccinations.

6. VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE: (Valid for a period of 10 days after the veterinary examination and deworming.) This form is enclosed with the licence and shall be retained by the licence-holder for at least three months after the date of entry to Sweden. An authorised veterinarian in the country of dispatch (not in Sweden) shall, on the original form from the Swedish Board of Agriculture, certify that the dog is considered to be healthy and that it has been treated against tapeworm (*Echinococcus granulosus*/*Echinococcus multilocularis*) with an approved preparation (see enclosure). To prevent the tapeworm from spreading into Sweden, the dog should be treated against tapeworm one additional time by the owner/its' representative after having entered Sweden (e.g. using Droncit®).

Special regulations for import/re-entry from Denmark and Finland:

A) Re-entry after at the most 10 days: Upon shorter trips **from Sweden to Denmark or Finland** for a period of **not more than ten days**, a Veterinary Health Certificate is not necessary. A valid Licence for Registered Importer and a Compiled Vaccination Certificate must however be carried in the usual manner. The customs authority shall stamp the day of exit from Sweden on the licence or on the Compiled Certificate. The dog must then be brought back to Sweden no more than 10 days later, the day of exit included. A written Importer's Declaration, on the back of the Health Certificate, is always required, i.e. the importer declares that the dog has been only to Denmark or Finland during the period in question.

B) Stay in DK and/or FI during at least one year: If the dog has stayed in Denmark, Finland, Norway or Sweden only, for a period not less than one year before import, it does not have to be treated against tapeworm.

C) Commuting: A Six-week Certificate as an alternative to the Veterinary Health Certificate may be granted for dogs commuting between Sweden, Denmark or Finland, and which are residents of any one of these countries. The certificate shall be issued by an authorised veterinarian in Sweden, Denmark or Finland, and is valid for a period of six weeks from the date of issue. During the period of validity the dog must not leave these countries, and the Importer's Declaration, on the back of the Health Certificate must state that the pet has not done so.

REGULATIONS:

The conditions regarding import of pet dogs and cats are stated in Swedish Regulation (SJVFS 1996:52) on the importation of pet animals.

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