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INTERIM QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ZOO CARNIVORES

Scope

These requirements apply to the importation of members of the Order Carnivora other than the domestic dog *Canis familiaris*, the domestic cat *Felis catus*, and members of the Family Felidae. Zoo felids may be imported under the Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Non-domestic Felidae. Biosecurity Australia plans to undertake import risk analyses (IRAs) for other families of carnivores, including Canidae, Mustelidae and Ursidae, in due course. These interim requirements will apply pending completion of those IRAs.

Documentation

Each consignment of zoo carnivores must be accompanied by:

- 1) a copy of a valid Permit to Import issued by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS),
- 2) an Environment Australia (EA) Permit and relevant CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) documentation. [Details of EA's requirements are available from the Director, Wildlife Permits and Enforcement Section, Email wildlifetrade@ea.gov.au or from their website <http://www.ea.gov.au/biodiversity/trade-use>]
- 3) a brief description of the health monitoring programme implemented in the premises of origin, signed by the owner or veterinary supervisor, and
- 4) an *international veterinary certificate*.

The veterinary certificate should be in the format of an OIE (Office International des Epizooties) Model International Veterinary Certificate for live animals and must give details of:

- . the identification of each animal including species, sex, age, and identifying marks, registration number or microchip implant number;
- . name and address of exporter and zoo or wildlife park of origin;
- . name and address of consignee;
- . nature and identification of means of transport.

The veterinary certificate must be in English and be signed by an *Official Veterinarian** of the country of export who must certify that:

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- a) the premise of origin is a government registered or licensed zoo or wildlife park approved for the holding of non-domestic carnivores;
- b) each animal for export has been continuously resident in the premises of origin for at least 12 months prior to certification;
- c) the premise of origin is under permanent veterinary supervision, and a suitable health-monitoring programme, including microbiological and parasitological tests and necropsies, is implemented;
- d) the premise of origin has remained free from any evidence of rabies during the 12 months prior to certification;
- e) no case of Aleutian disease, Aujeszky's disease, babesiosis, brucellosis, pseudotuberculosis, transmissible encephalopathy, trichinosis, trypanosomiasis, tuberculosis or tularaemia has been diagnosed at the premises of origin during the 12 months prior to certification in any animal of the same Family as the export animal/s;
- f) each animal was isolated from other animals not of the same health and residency status for 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export, and it and all in-contact animals were free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease during that period;
- g) each animal was treated for internal and external parasites with broad-spectrum parasiticides during the 30 days prior to export;
- h) he/ she or another *Official Veterinarian* has inspected each animal within 72 hours prior to export and found it to be healthy and fit to travel;
- i) after due enquiry he /she is satisfied that each animal will be shipped in a container that meets the appropriate container requirements specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.

Note*: An *Official Veterinarian* is a veterinarian authorised by the *Veterinary Administration* of the exporting country to perform animal health and/or public health inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, perform certification in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 1.3.2. of the OIE International Animal Health Code.

Transport

The animal/s must be consigned directly to Australia by an approved route. During transport to the port of export, during shipment, and during transport from the port of importation to the post-arrival quarantine facility, the animal/s must have no contact with animals not of the same consignment.

Quarantine

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Each animal must undergo at least 30 days post-arrival quarantine (PAQ) in a quarantine approved premises and be inspected and found free from signs of infectious disease before release from quarantine. At the completion of PAQ, the animals will be released from quarantine, or released under quarantine surveillance, into premises approved by the appropriate State or Territory Government for the holding of the species imported, subject to meeting EA and CITES requirements.

During PAQ the animal/s are to be monitored daily for signs of illness and, if necessary, be subjected to a clinical examination. All animals dying are to be subjected to complete post-mortem examination to determine the cause of death and AQIS is to be advised. While in PAQ or under quarantine surveillance the animal/s may be subjected to such tests and/or treatments as are specified by AQIS at the importer's expense. If any animal fails any test or shows evidence of an exotic disease during PAQ, it may be detained in quarantine, exported at the importer's expense or destroyed.

Review

These conditions may be reviewed at any time at the discretion of the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine (Australia).

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