



MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (TEATT)

INSPECTORATE TEATT

CONDITIONS OF IMPORT FOR DOGS, CATS and FERRETS

1. The animal is **15 weeks of age or older**.
2. The animal must be accompanied by a valid International Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian and endorsed by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the exporting country. ***St. Maarten is not part of the European Union; we do not accept pet passports as a valid International Health Certificate.***
3. The International Health Certificate must state that:
 - a. The animal has been vaccinated against Rabies at least 21 days prior to departure but no longer than 1 or 3 years prior to departure.
 - b. The **dog** has adequate levels of immunity conferred by being actively immunized against the following diseases: Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Bordetella and Parvovirus.
 - c. The **cat** has adequate levels of immunity conferred by being actively immunized against the following diseases: Feline Leukemia, Feline Rhinotracheitis, Feline Calicivirus, Feline Panleukopenia, Feline Pneumonitis.
 - d. The **animal** is free of internal parasites as determined by a negative fecal flotation test. ***If the animal is tested positive for internal parasites, then it should be treated 21 days prior to departure with a registered medication as instructed by the manufacturer. (Mention the date, validity period and the product used on the health certificate).***
 - e. The animal is free from external, particularly *Amblyomma sp.* and *Boophilus sp.* The animal(s) should be treated with a *parasiticide* (e.g., Frontline, Certifect, Nexgard, Advantage, Bravecto) within **7-14 days** prior to departure.
(Mention the date, validity period and the product used on the International Health Certificate).
 - f. The animal(s) is/are free from observable cutaneous diseases.
4. The animal must be registered electronically with an ISO (International Standards Organization) microchip, or a readable tattoo applied before **July 2011**. The number must be mentioned on the International Health Certificate.
5. The importation of dogs and cats from South and Central America (excluding Suriname), is prohibited.
6. The importation of a pit-bull terrier type dog, which must be neutered or spayed, is permitted and this information must be indicated on the International Health Certificate.
7. **THE PERMISSION IS VALID FOR ENTRY INTO THE JURISDICTION OF COUNTRY SINT MAARTEN WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF ISSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ENDORSED INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE.**
8. **ALL INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES MUST BE IN DUTCH OR ENGLISH. FOR ANY OTHER LANGUAGE, IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL TRANSLATION INTO DUTCH OR ENGLISH.**



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CONDITIONS OF IMPORT FOR BIRDS INTO ST. MAARTEN

1. The import of birds is only permitted from countries that are **officially free** from any outbreaks of notifiable Avian Influenza (LPAI and HPAI).
2. In cases where the exporting country had been affected by the Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (LPAI) virus, **an accompanying certificate must be issued by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the exporting country and must state that the bird(s) is/are from an Avian Influenza free territory of the country.**
3. The birds must be accompanied by an **official international health certificate**, issued by a certified (Accredited) signed by an official licensed veterinarian approved by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country and must not be older than fourteen (14) days.
4. In the health certificate the following must be stated by the veterinarian:
 - That the country or state of origin of the birds is officially free of notifiable Avian Influenza (AI), Newcastle Disease (NCD) and other notifiable avian diseases.
 - That the birds have been inspected on the day of shipment by the veterinarian and showed no clinical signs of any communicable disease.
 - That the birds have been under veterinary supervision 3 weeks prior to shipment and have shown no signs of any communicable disease during that period.
 - That the Psittaciformes (parrots) originate from a facility that has been free of psittacosis for the past 12 months.
 - That the bird(s) has/have been transported in new, unused containers.
 - That the bird(s) have been identified individually by a ring or chip.
5. The Inspectorate TEATT–Unit LVV must be notified by the freight forwarders for all bird or poultry importations to inspect the shipments on site before giving clearance.
6. Birds that do not comply with the aforementioned certification requirements or show any symptoms of any communicable disease will be euthanized immediately.
7. A copy of the Veterinary Health Certificate(s) and this Permit must be submitted to the Inspectorate TEATT – Unit LVV, St. Maarten.
8. **THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR ONE (1) ENTRY WITHIN ONE (1) MONTH OF THE DATE OF ISSUE.**
9. **ALL CERTIFICATES MUST BE IN DUTCH, ENGLISH OR ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL TRANSLATION.**