

III. ENTRY INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS FROM A THIRD COUNTRY

1. COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIAL PARTS SET BY THE EU, AND WHICH ARE MENTIONED IN TABLE 1, PART A OF THE ANNEX

Animals originating from a country or territorial part mentioned in table 1, Part A of the Annex, as well as any other country defined by the EU to fall within this group of countries, accompanied by the relative validated documents and which fulfill the provisions set below; can enter into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus without being subject to quarantine period or the need of an import permit.

1. IDENTIFICATION:

- a) Have easily clearly readable tattoo or
- b) Have an electronic microchip incorporated into their body for verifying animal's identity. The information which would facilitate the verification of the owner's name, surname and address should also be attainable apart from identity's verification.

In order for the microchip to be easily detected/read and compatible with the radio detective devices which the Veterinary Services own, the microchip should a) have been manufactured in accordance with the provisions set by the International Quality standard ISO 11784:1996 or b) comply with annex A of ISO 11785:1996.

In case the incorporated microchip does not comply with the aforementioned specifications of the International Quality standard ISO 11784:1996 or annex A of ISO 11785:1996 and is not readable by the radio detective devices which the Veterinary Services use, the owner or the natural person responsible for the pet animal on behalf of the owner must provide the necessary means for reading the microchip at the time of inspection.

The incorporation of the microchip should be proved that it has been calendary done prior one at least vaccination against rabies.

For a period of 8 years and until October 01, 2012, both methods of identification are accepted. After the end of this transition period, only the method referred in paragraph III, first subparagraph, element b would be accepted as identification method

2. ROUTE:

They have arrived in Cyprus from the third country or through an EU member country.

3. ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

Are accompanied by:

A) Health certificate: issued by an **official veterinarian**** or **Health Book (until October 1st 2004)** or **Passport** (Decision 2003/803/EK in case the third country of origin has communicated to the EU its intention to use the passport instead of the Health certificate or in case of reentry), in which the observation of paragraph III,1 and III,3A should be certified mentioning the following information:

- a) the name, surname and address of the owner
- b) the tattoo number, for as long as the identification by tattoo is accepted, or the microchip number.

Note: ** OFFICIAL VETERINARY SURGEON is any veterinary surgeon who is employed by the competent authority

- c) Date of birth, breed, sex, type and color of its coat.
- d) Date Rabies vaccination
- e) Commercial name and brand of the vaccine used
- f) Date to be revaccinated against rabies
- g) The animal should:
 - Have been vaccinated against rabies, at least 30 days prior departure for arriving in Cyprus at the age of not less than 3 months old, with an inactivated Rabies strain vaccine, according to OIE standards. The relative documents substantiating the observance of this requirements should be shown when requested upon inspection at the point of entry.
- h) They have undergone an antiparasitical treatment, 24~48 hours prior departure for arrival into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, using concoctions, which contain:
 - α) the active substance **Fipronil** against ectoparasites (flies, ticks, lice) and
 - b) the active substance **Praziquantel** against *Echinococcus granulosus*. (Hydatidosis).
- B) The entry of animals aged less than 3 months old, which are not vaccinated, can be done if they:
 - i) have a valid passport or Health certificate which includes the equivalent information mentioned in the passport and
 - ii) have been born and lived at the same place without coming in contact with wild animals which have probably been infected with the virus,
 - iii) or are accompanied by their mother from whom they are yet depended.
- C) Documents verifying that the animal has arrived into the territory of the republic of Cyprus from the respective third country mentioned in table 1, Part A, of the Annex or through an EU member country.
- D) The records concerning the vaccinations have been checked and proved to fulfill the requirements mentioned above.