

PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE NON COMMERCIAL MOVEMENT/ENTRY OF COMPANION ANIMALS INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1) The present provisions describe:

- a) the health provisions (Animal Health) and
- b) the movement control provisions

which have to be fulfilled for the **non-commercial movement/entry of companion animals** (Dogs and Cats) into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus originating from EU member countries and third countries.

2) Wherever the following terms are mentioned below mean:

a) Companion Animal/Animal: Dogs or cats (1 and up to 5 overall per citizen of a third country not mentioned in Table 1, Part A of the Annex), accompanied by their owner or a natural person who is responsible for the animal on behalf of the owner during the movement and which (the companion animals) may not be sold or transferred to another person.

b) Movement (Entry into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus):

Any movement (entry) of a companion animal from:

- i) An EU member country into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus
- ii) Entry or reentry of the companion animal into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus from a third country.

c) Third country:

Country or territory, which is not member of the EU

d) European Passport (Wherever applied) or Health Certificate:

A document, which allows the companion animal to be clearly identified, including indications according to which it is certified that, the process followed and the relative to the animal provisions, are in compliance with the present provisions.

For animals originating from EU member countries it has to comply with EU Decision 2003/803/EK whereas for the third countries **a)** mentioned in table 1, Part A of the Annex to be either as it applies for EU member countries, wherever a country or territorial part consist objectively territory/part of the EU dominion i.e. Vatican city or the country has communicated to the EU its intention to use the European passport mentioned in EU Decision 2003/803/EE instead of the Health Certificate or **b)** to certify the information mentioned in the document of part D of the Annex wherever the country is not part of the EU i.e. Iceland.

3) The entry into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus is only allowed to those companion animals which fulfill the provisions referred below, for each case individually. The entry of animals of the breeds mentioned in Table 2, Part B of the Annex **IS NOT ALLOWED, REGARDLESS OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.**

4) In case the companion animals do not fulfill the provisions applied for each case they (the companion animals) will:

- i) Be sent back to the country of origin (Re-exported).
- ii) Be isolated in quarantine for as long as it is needed in order to be brought into compliance with the requirements of the related provisions (Paragraph V).
- iii) If re-exportation or isolation in quarantine for the required period is not feasible the animal will be euthanized and incinerated without any financial or any other kind of owners' compensation.

II) UPON ARRIVAL

- i) For the non commercial movements of companion animals to the territory of the Republic of Cyprus from third countries NOT mentioned in Table 1, Part A of the Annex, each citizen can bring up to an overall of five companion animals which are subjected to accompanying documents' check for identity verification, performed by the person assigned by the competent authority of the Republic of Cyprus for this purpose at the point of entry.
- ii) In case they are more than five, overall, they are subjected to the Animal Health (Hygienic provisions governing the trade of certain animals) (Specific) provisions of 2003, ΚΔΠ 638/2003.
- iii) Companion animals which have Cyprus as their country of permanent residence and which leave the country for abroad enter Cyprus upon return after they pay the legal inspection fees and under the condition that the relative documents are fully filled and ratified safeguarding that the provisions set forth are fully observed.

III) QUARANTINE ISOLATION

α) The companion animal which do not fulfill the respective provisions in each case, After arrival and inspection at the official points of entry, assigned by the Republic of Cyprus, (Larnaka and Paphos Airport, Lemessos (Limassol), Paphos and Larnaka port and marinas), are subjected to a maximum of six months quarantine period. Within the frame of applying quarantine the document for the animals' entry into quarantine (**KY/TYEZ/KEZZ/EEΠ/A/04/04**) as well as the owners' informative document (**KY/TYEZ/KEZZ/EEI/A/04/04**) are filled. Quarantine takes place at private kennels which are registered and officially approved for such use by the Republic of Cyprus.

- i) In case the provision of the antiparasitical treatment (Ectoparasites and Echinococcus granulosis) prior departure is not fulfilled the animal would be subjected to one month quarantine period during which the respective treatment would be administered.
- ii) In case the provision of Rabies vaccination treatment prior departure is not fulfilled the animal would be subjected to a six months quarantine period during which the relative vaccine would be administered.

The above quarantine period would be applied, regardless the country of origin, for any companion animal which enters Cyprus not fulfilling the respective provisions. The quarantine would take place at registered private kennels authorized for such use by the Veterinary Services.

For the transitional period up to October 01, 2004 and until such private kennels are authorized, the quarantine period would take place at the owners' residence premises (home quarantine).

- b)** In case of applying quarantine at private kennels all expenses related to quarantine (boarding, lodging, health care fees) would be burden by the owner of the animal or the person in charge of the animal on behalf of the owner.

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The legal inspection fees as well as the home quarantine fees, the second ones whenever home quarantine is applied, will continue to be paid and are not waived regardless the country of origin.

c) During the quarantine period the Veterinary Services can subject the animal to any clinical or paraclinical examinations or therapies which might be considered necessary.

d) In case rabies case occurs in the kennel's premises in another animal which is kept with the imported animal or in the owner's residence premises the director of Veterinary Services can extend the quarantine period.

e) Any deaths occurred or symptoms of any diseases should be immediately reported at the nearest District Veterinary Officer or regional Veterinary station. The carcasses of the animals which died in the kennel during the quarantine period of the imported animal should be brought at the laboratories of the Veterinary Services for autopsy.

More information regarding the non commercial movements of companion animals entering the territory of the Republic of Cyprus can be obtained from

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