
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 1716

The Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order 1994

Amendment to the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974

2.—(1) The Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order 1974⁽¹⁾ shall be further amended in accordance with this article.

(2) In article 4 (Prohibition on landing of animals in Great Britain), in paragraph (2) for the proviso there shall be substituted the following—

“Provided that, where an animal has been brought to that place from a place outside those countries (other than a place in Great Britain), the said prohibition shall apply to that animal unless

- (a) it is a cat or dog which was subject to a commercial transaction and was imported into one of those countries from another member State in accordance with the provisions of article 10.3 of Council Directive [92/65/EEC](#), or
- (b) in any other case it has been detained and isolated in quarantine for a period of at least six calendar months before being landed in Great Britain.”

(3) After article 4 there shall be inserted the following article—

“Importation of cats and dogs from a member State other than the Republic of Ireland

4A.—(1) The prohibition and restrictions on landing contained in paragraphs (1) and (4) respectively of article 4 above shall not apply in the case of the importation from another member State (other than the Republic of Ireland) of cats and dogs which—

- (a) are the subject of a commercial transaction;
- (b) come from a holding registered in that member State for these purposes;
- (c) have been born on the holding and have been maintained in captivity there since birth with no contact with wild animals susceptible to rabies;
- (d) have been vaccinated against rabies after the age of three months and at least six months before dispatch by injection of an inactivated vaccine of at least 1 international antigenic unit (World Health Organization standard) measured in accordance with the activity test by the method described by the European Pharmacopoeia in monograph 451(1985) and recognised under Commission Decision [94/275/EC](#) on recognising rabies vaccines⁽²⁾, with annual booster injections, or at intervals authorised by the member State of dispatch for that vaccine;
- (e) have undergone, after vaccination, a serological test showing a protective antibody titre of at least 0.5 international units, which serological tests shall be carried out in accordance with World Health Organization specifications. If the test is carried out

(1) S.I.1974/2211, amended by S.I. 1977/361, S.I. 1984/1182, S.I. 1986/2062 and S.I. 1990/2371.

(2) OJNo. L 117, 7.5.94, p. 41.

after the first vaccination it must be carried out between the first and third month after the vaccination;

- (f) in the case of dogs, have been vaccinated against distemper;
- (g) are accompanied by
 - (i) an individual vaccination record allowing the animal and its origin to be clearly identified and showing the dates of vaccination, the name of the vaccine and its batch number (by self-adhesive label, if possible), and
 - (ii) a certificate in the form specified in Commission Decision [94/273/EC](#) concerning veterinary certification for placing on the market in the United Kingdom and Ireland of dogs and cats not originating in those countries⁽³⁾, each document being completed by an official veterinarian or by the veterinarian responsible for the holding of origin and empowered for this purpose by the competent authority in the member State;
- (h) in accordance with Commission Decision [94/274/EC](#) laying down the system of identification for dogs and cats that are placed on the market in the United Kingdom and Ireland and not originating in those countries⁽⁴⁾, are identified by having had implanted into them a transponder of a type
 - (i) used in the member State of origin, and
 - (ii) notified by the competent authorities of the member State of origin to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;
- (j) on the day they are dispatched from the holding in question, show no signs of contagious disease; and
- (k) are transported by a means of transport recognised for these purposes by the competent authority of the member State of dispatch.

(2) No person shall accept a consignment of dogs or cats imported under the provisions of this article unless the importer or consignee has notified to the Divisional Veterinary Officer in writing, at least 24 hours in advance, the anticipated date of arrival and has supplied him with a copy of the certificate referred to in subparagraph (g)(ii) above.

(3) It shall be the duty of every person who imports a dog or cat under the provisions of this article to make available to the Divisional Veterinary Officer a microchip reader capable of confirming the identity of the imported animal.

(4) It shall be the duty of the person in charge of any dog or cat imported under the provisions of this article which has been blood tested by a veterinary inspector at the place of destination to keep the animal on those premises for ten days after the day on which the blood sample was taken unless notified in writing by the Divisional Veterinary Officer that the animal may be released.

(5) Where a veterinary inspector at the place of destination takes samples from any dog or cat imported under the provisions of this article, he shall comply with Commission Decision [94/338/EC](#) laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive [90/425/EEC](#) as regards the taking of samples for the purpose of veterinary inspections at the place of destination⁽⁵⁾.

(6) In this article—

“Divisional Veterinary Officer” means the veterinary inspector appointed for the time being by the appropriate Minister to receive information about the anticipated date of

⁽³⁾ OJ No. L 117, 7.5.94, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No. L 117, 7.5.94, p. 40.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No. L 151, 17.6.94, p. 36.

arrival of animals for the area in which the place of destination in Great Britain is situated;
and

“World Health Organization” means the organization of that name founded in New York, United States of America on 22 July 1946 and currently having its headquarters at Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland, and the World Health Organization standard and specifications referred to in paragraph (1)(d) and (e) above are those described in the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Rabies Eighth Report (WHO Technical Report Series 824).”.

(4) In article 12 (Detention of animals on board vessels in harbour) in paragraph (3) for subparagraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted the following:–

- “(a) in accordance with a licence granted under Article 4 above, or
- (b) in accordance with article 4A above, or
- (c) in the circumstances referred to in Article 8 above.”.