



PUBLIC ADVISORY

New Requirements for Bringing Pets to the Philippines

The Philippine Consulate General informs the public of the revised requirements for the transport of pets from the United States to the Philippines:

1. Import permit issued by the Philippine Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), which can be obtained from <https://www.intercommerce.com.ph/registrationbai.asp> (detailed procedures for the import permit application may be found in Annex A below); and
2. Health certificate issued by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarian or USDA-accredited veterinarian, dated within 30 days of arrival in the Philippines.

Failure to present these two requirements may result in pet/s being quarantined upon arrival in the Philippines.

The public is further informed that authentication of the USDA Health Certificate by the Philippine Consulate General is no longer required.

ANNEX A: TRANSPORT OF PETS

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Import permit issued by the Philippines' Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
2. Health certificate issued by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarian or USDA-accredited veterinarian.

Note: the above requirements must be presented at the Philippine airport upon arrival of the pet. **(Failure to present the requirements may result in pet/s being quarantined upon arrival).**

PROCEDURES:

1. To obtain an import permit from the Philippines' Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
 - Go to <http://www.bai.da.gov.ph/> and click BAI ONE TIME LINK (almost at the bottom of the page). This leads to the form to fill out and submit.
 - Alternately, do direct to <https://www.intercommerce.com.ph/registrationbai.asp> and fill out the form.

Applicant will be asked for a Username (email) and password, which will be used to check the status of the application. The status could be: 1) for Endorsement (meaning the application is waiting for the signature of the approving authority); 2) Approved; Rejected (the applicant will have to re-apply).

To check the status of the application, go to <http://www.intercommerce.com.ph/home.asp> or <http://www.intercommerce.com.ph/login.asp?home=HOME>

If approved, click the reference number and it will bring applicant to the 3-page SPS permit. Print the permit and present this at the Quarantine station in the airport (Philippines).

Approval usually takes 1-2 days. Validity of the SPS permit is two months.

Please read the other requirements on the permit in order to import your pet(s), i.e. Veterinary Health Certificate and the updated Vaccination Record.

For the updated Vaccination Record, the following is needed:

DOGS: rabies vaccination and vaccination against distemper, leptospirosis, parvovirus, adenovirus type 2.

CATS: rabies vaccination and vaccination against herpes, calicivirus, panleukopenia and feline leukemia

2. To obtain health certificate from US authority
 - Secure a health certificate for each pet from a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarian or USDA-accredited veterinarian. The health certificate should be dated within 30 days before the date of arrival in the Philippines. The certificate should certify that the animal is free from, and has not been recently exposed to, any dangerous or communicable disease, and that it has been given anti-rabies and other required inoculation.