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64TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT (VS)
UNIT 23152
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MEMORANDUM FOR Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Facility Clients

SUBJECT: Guidelines for the Import of Pets into Germany

1. REFERENCE:

a. REGULATION (EC) No 998/2003 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 May 2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Council Directive 92/65/EEC from website: http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/annex2c_reg998_03_en.pdf

b. 2004/824/EC: Commission Decision of 1 December 2004 establishing a model health certificate for non-commercial movements of dogs, cats and ferrets from third countries into the Community (notified under document number C(2004) 4421)Text with EEA relevance: at website: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32004D0824:EN:HTML>

c. THIRD COUNTRIES LISTED IN ANNEX II PART C, of Regulation(EC) No 998/2003 http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/list_third_en.htm

d. German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture, and Consumer Protection Website, *Traveling with your Pet*: http://www.bmelv.de/cln_044/nn_757140/EN/08-AnimalWelfare/PetTravel/_PetTravel_node.html_nnn=true

e. Germany Consulate Website: Dangerous Dog Breed Legislation: http://www.germany.info/relaunch/info/consular_services/customs/dogs.html

2. Requirements for importation of dogs, cats and ferrets for non-commercial (pets) movement.

a. **Identification:** Dogs, Cats and Ferrets must be identified with a:

(1) Either a clearly readable tattoo (until 2009); or

(2) An electronic identification system (microchip) that is ISO compatible.

(a) If the microchip implanted in your pet is non-ISO compatible your options are to have a scanner with you during travel that can read the microchip or have a second ISO compatible microchip implanted. If a second microchip is implanted ensure that both numbers are recorded on all certificates, and that your contact information is updated for each microchip whenever you change addresses.

(b) Microchips commonly used in the United States that are ISO compatible include certain types of AVID microchips and Home Again. Avid microchip numbers that end in a letter versus a number are ISO compatible. Ask your veterinarian what type of microchip is in your pet.

b. Valid Anti-Rabies Vaccination

(1) Anti-Rabies vaccination must be done at least 30 days prior to entry and no greater than the time period recommended by the manufacturer. The vaccination must be verified on a passport or Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the competent authority certifying valid antirabies vaccination, or revaccination if applicable, in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturing laboratory, carried out on the animal in question with an inactivated vaccine of at least one antigenic unit per dose (WHO standard).

(2) Since young dogs and cats (under 12 weeks) cannot be vaccinated it is not advisable to import them into Germany. If young pets (dogs and cats only) under 12 weeks must be imported than prior authorization from the supreme veterinary authorities of Germany must be obtained prior to shipment. Contact the German Consulate at (213) 930-2703 or at their website http://www.germany.info/relaunch/info/consular_services/customs.html for information and assistance on obtaining this approval.

c. Health Certificate: The bilingual model health certificate (Enclosure 1) must be filled out by an authorized veterinarian and be accompanied by supporting documents such as the vaccination certificate showing vaccination details. Only parts I, II, III, and IV of the health certificate must be completed for entry into Germany. The certificate is valid for 4 months after signature by the official veterinarian or endorsement by the competent authority, or until expiry of the vaccination listed on the certificate. If the bilingual health certificate is completed more than ten days from travel a second health certificate such as the Form DD 2209 (Enclosure 2) or equivalent should be completed within ten days of travel to meet the airline requirements verifying the pet is free from communicable diseases.

(1) Military veterinarians are designated by the competent authority (USDA) as “official veterinarians” in the enclosures (Enclosure 3: Memorandum from USDA National Center for Import and Export and Enclosure 4: DODVSA memorandum dated 1 September 2005), and therefore endorsement is not required when signed by a military veterinarian.

(2) If the health certificate is signed by a CIVILIAN veterinarian then it must be endorsed and stamped by a USDA veterinarian at one of the area USDA offices. Refer to the USDA website at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/ for the location of the USDA office nearest you. A fee is charged by the USDA for this endorsement.

d. FAVN (Rabies Antibody Titer) is NOT required for entry into Germany from the United States. The FAVN is not required because the US is listed as a third country that adequately controls and monitors rabies disease and rabies vaccine production. The third countries that meet these criteria are listed on this website: http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/list_third_en.htm . The FAVN test is only required when transporting your pet from the US into Ireland, Sweden, or the United

Kingdom. If you are exporting your pet from a country other than the US refer to the EU regulations and list of *third* countries to determine if the FAVN test is required.

3. Dangerous Dog Ordnances (DDO):

a. In Germany since 12 April 2001 there is an import ban for dogs classified as dangerous ("Fighting dogs"). According to this law, specific dog breeds as well as dogs crossbred among those breeds or dogs of those breeds crossbred with other dogs may not be transported to Germany from any country outside of the European Union (EU) or from another member state. These dog breeds are: **Pit bull Terrier, American Staffordshire-Terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier and Bull terrier.**

b. Dogs of other breeds as well as cross-breeds may also not be imported from a foreign country if they are considered dangerous by the rules of the state in which the dog is going to be kept continuously. In Baden-Württemberg the Mastiff, Bull-Mastiff, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Bordeaux Dogge, Fila Brasileiro, Mastin Espanol, Mastino Napoletano, and Toso are considered so-called Category 2 dogs, and if these dogs show aggression they are treated as the banned breeds and could be removed from Germany.

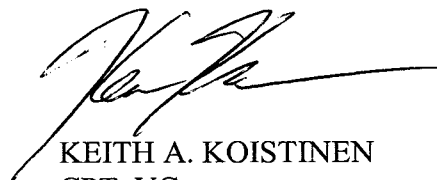
c. Since the above list can change in the future and may not be definitive, we recommend you ask the **public safety office (Ordnungsamt)** of the city in which you will be living whether your dog is classified as dangerous prior to importing it. Refer to the Germany Consulate website listed in References for additional information and POCs for the import authorities.

4. Other Animals: The above listed requirements are for the importation of dogs, cats, and ferrets. For the importation of other species of animals refer to the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture, and Consumer Protection Website, *Traveling with your Pet* listed in references above.

5. Disclaimer: The information provided is not official and although this information is the latest provided, be aware that rules and regulations can change on short notice. The best place to get the latest information is from the country of destination and the websites provided. Mention of manufacturers or websites does not imply endorsement.

4 Encls

1. Bilingual (German/English) Model Health Certificate
2. Veterinary Health Certificate DD 2209
3. USDA Import Export Letter
4. DODVSA Memorandum 1SEP05



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Summarized Import Checklist from United States to Germany:

- Rabies Vaccination Certificate attesting valid and current anti-rabies vaccination.
 - Date of vaccination more than 30 days from import date;
 - and within time period specified by rabies vaccine manufacturer (usually 1 or 3 years).

- Bilingual model health certificate Parts I, II, III, and IV completed.
 - Signed by authorized veterinarian (military or USDA).
 - If signed by military vet accompanied by USDA and DODVSA letters.
 - Completed within 4 months of import.

- Generic health certificate (such as DD2209)
 - Completed within 10 days of travel
 - Attests examination by a licensed veterinarian and stating that the animal is free of communicable disease.
 - This is usually a requirement of most airlines (check with the airline you are traveling).

- Implanted with ISO compatible microchip.

- Breed not on the dangerous dog ordinance list banned from import into Germany.

- FAVN test (only required if importing into Germany from countries not listed in: (THIRD COUNTRIES LISTED IN ANNEX II PART C, of Regulation(European Community) No 998/2003). United States is listed as a third country therefore the FAVN is not required.

ANHANG

Muster der Gesundheitsbescheinigung für nicht gewerbliche Verbringungen von Heimtieren der Haustierarten Hund, Katze und Frettchen aus Drittländern gemäß Artikel 8 Absatz 4 der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003

VETERINÄRBESCHEINIGUNG für nicht gewerbliche Verbringungen von Heimtieren (Hunde, Katzen und Frettchen) in die europäische Gemeinschaft (Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003) <i>VETERINARY CERTIFICATE for domestic dogs, cats and ferrets entering the</i> <i>European Community for non-commercial movements (Regulation (EC) No 998/2003)</i>		
Versandland des Tieres/Country of dispatch of the animal: _____		
Laufende Nummer der Bescheinigung/Serial number of the certificate: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		
I. Eigentümer des Tieres/für das Tier verantwortliche Begleitperson/Owner/responsible person accompanying the animal		
Vorname/First name:		Familienname/Surname:
Anschrift/Address:		
Postleitzahl/Postcode:		Stadt/City:
Land/Country:		Telefon-Nr./Telephone:
II. Beschreibung des Tieres/Description of the animal		
Art/Species:	Rasse/Breed:	Geschlecht/Sex:
Geburtsdatum/Date of birth:	Haarkleid (Farbe und Typ)/Coat (colour and type):	
III. Angaben zur Identifizierung des Tieres/Identification of the animal		
Mikrochip-Nr./Microchip number:		
Implantationsstelle des Mikrochips/Location of microchip:		Datum der Implantation/Date of microchipping:
Tätowierungs-Nr./Tattoo number:		Datum der Tätowierung/Date of tattooing:
IV. Tollwutimpfung/Vaccination against rabies		
Hersteller und Bezeichnung des Impfstoffes/Manufacturer and name of vaccine:		
Chargen-Nr./Batch number:	Impfdatum/Vaccination date:	Gültigkeitsdauer/Valid until:
V. Serologische Tollwutuntersuchung (soweit erforderlich)/rabies serological test (when required)		
<p>Nach einer mir vorliegenden amtlichen Aufzeichnung des Befunds einer serologischen Untersuchung des Tieres, die anhand einer am (TT/MM/JJJJ) _____ gezogenen Probe in einem EU-zugelassenen Labor durchgeführt wurde, war der Titer tollwutneutralisierender Antikörper gleich oder größer als 0,5 IE/ml.</p> <p><i>I have seen an official record of the result of a serological test for the animal, carried out on a sample taken on (dd/mm/yyyy) _____, and tested in an EU-approved laboratory, which states that the rabies neutralising antibody titre was equal to or greater than 0,5 IU/ml.</i></p>		

Amtlicher Tierarzt oder von der zuständigen Behörde bevollmächtigter Tierarzt (*) (In letzterem Falle ist der Eintrag von der zuständigen Behörde zu bestätigen.) <i>Official veterinarian or veterinarian authorised by the competent authority (*) (in the latter case, the competent authority must endorse the certificate)</i>	
Vorname/ <i>First name</i> :	Familienname/ <i>Surname</i> :
Anschrift/ <i>Address</i> :	Unterschrift, Datum und Stempel/ <i>Signature, date and stamp</i> :
Postleitzahl/ <i>Postcode</i> :	
Stadt/ <i>City</i> :	
Land/ <i>Country</i> :	
Telefon-Nr./ <i>Telephone</i> :	
(*) Nicht Zutreffendes streichen / <i>Delete as applicable</i>	
Bestätigung durch die zuständige Behörde (Nicht erforderlich, wenn die Bescheinigung von einem amtlichen Tierarzt unterzeichnet wird) <i>Endorsement by the competent authority (Not necessary when the certificate is signed by an official veterinarian)</i>	
Datum und Stempel/ <i>Date and stamp</i> :	
VI. Zweckbehandlung (soweit erforderlich)/ <i>Tick treatment (when required)</i>	
Hersteller und Bezeichnung des Präparats/ <i>Manufacturer and name of product</i> :	
Datum und Uhrzeit der Behandlung (TT/MM/JJJJ) + Uhrzeit — 24 h)/ <i>Date and time of treatment (dd/mm/yyyy + 24-hour clock)</i> :	
Name des Tierarztes/ <i>Name of Veterinarian</i> :	
Anschrift/ <i>Address</i> :	Unterschrift, Datum und Stempel/ <i>Signature, date and stamp</i> :
Postleitzahl/ <i>Postcode</i> :	
Stadt/ <i>City</i> :	
Land/ <i>Country</i> :	
Telefon-Nr./ <i>Telephone</i> :	
VII. Echinokokken-Behandlung (soweit erforderlich)/ <i>Echinococcus treatment (when required)</i>	
Hersteller und Bezeichnung des Präparats/ <i>Manufacturer and name of product</i> :	
Datum und Uhrzeit der Behandlung (TT/MM/JJJJ) + Uhrzeit — 24 h)/ <i>Date and time of treatment (dd/mm/yyyy + 24-hour clock)</i> :	
Name des Tierarztes/ <i>Name of veterinarian</i> :	

Anschrift/Address:	Unterschrift, Datum und Stempel/Signature, date and stamp:
Postleitzahl/Postcode:	
Stadt/City:	
Land/Country:	
Telefon-Nr./Telephone:	
Erläuterungen/Notes for guidance	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Die Kennzeichnung des Tieres (Tätowierung oder Mikrochip) muss vor jedem Eintrag in die Bescheinigung überprüft worden sein. <i>Identification of the animal (tattoo or microchip) must have been verified before any entries are made on the certificate.</i> 2. Als Tollwutimpfstoff darf nur ein inaktivierter Impfstoff verwendet werden, der mit den OIE-Normen in Einklang steht. <i>The rabies vaccine used must be an inactivated vaccine produced in accordance with OIE standards.</i> 3. Diese Bescheinigung gilt nach der Unterzeichnung durch den amtlichen Tierarzt oder der Bestätigung der Einträge durch die zuständige Behörde für die Dauer von 4 Monaten oder bis zum Tag des Ablaufs der Gültigkeitsdauer der Impfung (siehe Teil IV), je nach dem, welcher Tag früher eintritt. <i>The certificate is valid for 4 months after signature by the official veterinarian or endorsement by the competent authority, or until the date of expiry of the vaccination shown in Part IV, whichever ever is earlier.</i> 4. Tiere, die aus Drittländern stammen oder in Drittländern auf die Verbringung vorbereitet wurden, die nicht in Anhang II der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003 aufgelistet sind, dürfen weder direkt noch über ein anderes in Anhang II aufgelistetes Drittland nach Irland, Malta, Schweden oder das Vereinigte Königreich verbracht werden, es sei denn, die in nationalen Rechtsvorschriften festgelegten Bedingungen sind erfüllt. <i>Animals from, or prepared in, third countries not listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003, may not enter Ireland, Malta, Sweden or the United Kingdom, either directly or via another country listed in Annex II unless brought into conformity with National Rules.</i> 5. Der Bescheinigung müssen Belegdokumente oder beglaubigte Abschriften derartiger Dokumente beiliegen, einschließlich Angaben zur Identifizierung des betreffenden Tieres, Impfdaten und die Ergebnisse der serologischen Untersuchung. <i>This certificate must be accompanied by supporting documentation, or a certified copy thereof, including the identification details of the animal concerned, vaccination details and the result of the serological test.</i> 	
Geltende Bedingungen (Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003)/Conditions applying (Regulation (EC) No 998/2003)	
a) Verbringung in einen Mitgliedstaat, ausgenommen Irland, Malta, Schweden und das Vereinigte Königreich <i>Entry in a Member State other than Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. aus einem in Anhang II der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003 aufgelisteten Drittland:/from a third country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003: Teile I, II, III und IV sind auszufüllen (sowie Teil VII für Finnland)/Parts I, II, III and IV must be completed (and VII for Finland). Bei anschließender Verbringung nach Finnland sind Teil VII, nach Irland, Malta, Schweden oder dem Vereinigten Königreich sind gemäß den geltenden nationalen Rechtsvorschriften Teile V, VI und VII auszufüllen; das Ausfüllen kann in einem in Anhang II der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003 aufgelisteten Land erfolgen. <i>In case of a subsequent movement to Finland, Part VII and to Ireland, Malta, Sweden or United Kingdom, Parts V, VI and VII must be completed in compliance with national rules, and may be completed in a country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003.</i> 2. aus einem nicht in Anhang II der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003 aufgelisteten Drittland:/from a third country not listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003: Teile I, II, III, IV und V sind auszufüllen (sowie Teil VII für Finnland). Die in Teil V genannte Probe muss mindestens 3 Monate vor der Verbringung entnommen worden sein. Für eine anschließende Verbringung nach Irland, Malta, Schweden oder dem Vereinigten Königreich — siehe Vermerk 4. Bei anschließender Verbringung nach Finnland ist Teil VII auszufüllen (siehe Nummer 1). <i>Parts I, II, III, IV and V must be completed (and VII for Finland). The sample referred to in part V must have been taken more than 3 months before the entry. For subsequent movement to Ireland, Malta, Sweden or United Kingdom — see note 4. In case of a subsequent movement to Finland, Part VII must be completed (see (a)(1) above).</i> 	
b) Verbringung nach Irland, Malta, Schweden und das Vereinigte Königreich <i>Entry in Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. aus einem in Anhang II der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003 aufgelisteten Drittland:/from a third country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003: Teile I, II, III, IV, V, VI und VII sind auszufüllen (Teile III, V, VI und VII gemäß den geltenden nationalen Rechtsvorschriften). <i>Parts I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII must be completed (parts III, V, VI and VII complying with National Rules).</i> 2. aus einem nicht in Anhang II der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 998/2003 aufgelisteten Drittland: Die Bescheinigung ist in diesem Falle ungültig — siehe Vermerk 4. <i>From a third country not listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003: The certificate is not valid — see note 4.</i> 	

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE

(THIS FORM IS SUBJECT TO THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 - See Reverse)

TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF OWNER *(Last, First, MI)*

COMPLETE ADDRESS *(Include Zip Code)*

SPECIES

DOG

CAT

SEX

MALE

FEMALE

AGE

3 MO. TO 12 MO.

12 MO. OR OLDER

SIZE

UNDER 20 LBS.

20 - 50 LBS.

OVER 50 LBS.

PREDOMINANT BREED

TAG NUMBER

COLOR(S)

NAME OF ANIMAL

PRODUCER *(First 3 letters)*

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RABIES IMMUNIZATION DATA

1 YR. LIC./VACC.

3 YR. LIC./VACC.

OTHER

MODIFIED

CEO

TCO

CLO

KILLED

MURINE

CAPRINE

This is to certify that the above described animal has been examined by me on the date below and was found free of any communicable disease. To the best of my knowledge this animal has not been exposed to rabies and did not originate from a rabies quarantine area.

NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF VETERINARIAN

SIGNATURE

DATE

DD Form 2209, AUG 79

REPLACES DD FORM 2071, APR 77, WHICH IS OBSOLETE.

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. Sections 133 and 8012.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To indicate general health examination of the animal to permit interstate or international movement.

ROUTINE USE(S): Used as health certificate to permit interstate or international movement of animal.

DISCLOSURE IS VOLUNTARY: Providing personal information is voluntary. However, if information is not disclosed by the owner, interstate or international movement may not be allowed.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DODVSA-DDO

01 September 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR *Bob Walters* Commander, US Army Veterinary Command, 2050 Worth Road, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6000

SUBJECT: Guidelines for the Shipment of Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets to European Union Member States (with the Exception of the UK)

1. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), APHIS, VS office has designated Veterinary Corps Officers assigned at military veterinary treatment facilities as "official veterinarians" who may complete and sign health certificates for non-commercial movement of dogs, cats, and ferrets into member states of the EU (with exception of the UK). This designation negates the previous requirement for a USDA endorsement on health certificates signed by veterinary corps officers for dog, cat, and ferret movement from the United States to continental countries of the European Union (see enclosed USDA memorandum).
2. Note that VETCOM civilian veterinarians are not designated as "official veterinarians". However, in lieu of USDA countersignature requirements on health certificates, Veterinary Corps Officers may countersign the health certificate for VETCOM civilian veterinarians.
3. The USDA endorsement remains as a requirement on all health certificates for dogs, cats, and ferrets entering the United Kingdom.
4. The health certificate (and rabies certificate) must be signed in a color **other than black** (such as blue, red, or green) so signatures may be readily identified as original signatures rather than as photocopy signatures.
5. Additionally, all animals must arrive with microchips that are ISO-compatible. All animals previously micro-chipped must be scanned at the time the health certificate is issued to ensure the microchip is still present and readable.
6. A copy of this memorandum with enclosure must accompany the health certificate for presentation to the air carrier representative at the time of departure from CONUS.
7. Point of contact is COL Bob Walters at DSN 471-6510 or Commercial 210-221-6510.

Encl
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Bob Walters
BOB E. WALTERS
Colonel, VC
Deputy Director Operations



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Dear Colonel Walters:

We understand that there has been difficulty with some US airlines allowing military working dogs and cats/dogs belonging to military personnel on their planes for transport to continental member countries in the European Union (EU). This issue can be addressed by the European Commission (EC) 1 December 2004 Decision.

In accordance with that Decision, USDA/APHIS/VS as the "competent authority," designates veterinary corps officers assigned at military veterinary treatment facilities as "official veterinarians" who may complete and sign the health certificate for non-commercial movements of dogs, cats and ferrets into member states of the EU (with exception of the UK). This authority is both necessary and sufficient to meet the requirements of the EU as delineated in Commission Decision 2004/824/EC Article 3(2)(a)(i); no USDA/APHIS/VS endorsement is required under these specific circumstances. Civilian veterinarians assigned at military veterinary treatment facilities must have the health certificate counter-signed by a veterinary corps officer (i.e., the "official veterinarian"). The standard USDA/APHIS/VS endorsement continues to be required for all other circumstances (for example, the export of animals belonging to non-military families, livestock, poultry and birds).

We hope this clarifies the situation. Please feel free to share this document as needed. If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Jill Snowdon at (301) 734-8364.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Thomas, D.V.M., M.S.
Director, Animals, Organisms and Vectors, and Select Agents
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