

ZOOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ENTRY OF DOMESTIC DOGS AND CATS INTO THE STATES PARTIES (REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS GMC No. 04/96 and 05/96)

HAVING REGARD TO: the Treaty of Asuncion, the Protocol of Ouro Preto, the Protocol of Ushuaia on democratic commitment in the MERCOSUR, the Republic of Bolivia and the Republic of Chile, the Decision No. 06 / 96 of the Common Market Council and the Resolutions No. 04 / 96 and 05 / 96 of the Common Market Group

WHEREAS:

It is necessary to update the animal health requirements and the model certificate for entry into States Parties of domestic dogs and cats.

**THE COMMON MARKET GROUP
RESOLVES:**

Art. 1 – To approve the animal health requirements to authorize the entry into the States Parties of canines and domestic cats, as well as the model of certificate which appears as annex and forms part of the present resolution.

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Art. 2 - For the purposes of the present resolution refers to domestic dogs and cats to specimens of the species *Canis lupus familiaris*, and *Felis silvestris catus*, respectively, hereinafter referred to as "animals".

Art. 3 - The terms established in the present resolution will be of application for the entry with definitive or temporary character, as well as for the participation in international exhibitions or events or to protect the international transit through the territory of any of the States Parties.

Art. 4 - Any State Party may establish a specific automatic regime for immediate enforcement regarding the entrances covered by the present resolution, applicable by the State Party of entry and communicated and agreed with the exporting country when in any administrative division/s of its territory are put into force restrictions or bans on the practice of certain aesthetic or mutilating surgeries , or the admission of specimens of animals of breeds considered to be dangerous, as well as the requirement of identification of such animals, or plans or sanitary programs for the control / eradication of certain diseases not referred to in the present resolution

Art. 5 - Aspects related to the characteristics of containers to transport, as well as any other regulation related to the means of transportation used, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of the animal.

**CHAPTER II
CERTIFICATION**

Art. 6 - The animals must be covered by the original international veterinary certificate (IVC), issued by the Veterinary Authority of the exporter country, containing all the health guarantees referred to in the present resolution.

Art. 7 - The IVC will be valid for entry or return to the States Parties for a period of 60 (sixty) days calendar, counted from the date of their issuance. For this, rabies vaccination certification must be current within the period of validity of the international veterinary certificate.

Art. 8 - In the case of temporary entrance to one of the States Parties, either by a stay of the animal equal to or less than 60 (sixty) days, the personnel intervening at the point of entry should not retain the original copy of the IVC, which will remain in the possession of the owner until the return to the country of origin, being able to keep a copy of the certificate referred..

Art. 9 - At the point of entry / exit to the State Party, the original copy of the Rabies vaccination certificate should not be retained for those animals that, according to the terms of this Resolution, require their immunization against the said disease. In this case, the record of vaccination should remain in the possession of the owner of the animal.

Art. 10 - States Parties shall authorize the entry of animals when they are accompanied by a passport in force in the country of grant, issued or countersigned by the Veterinary Authority of the country of origin, which must contain all the data required in the model of certificate provided for in the annex to the present resolution.

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Art. 11 - Animals over 90 (ninety) days old must enter immunized against rabies, having been used in the country of application vaccines authorised by the veterinary authority of the same.

Art.12 - In case of Rabies primo vaccinated animals, the shipment from the exporting country must be authorized once within 21 (twenty-one) days after the application of this vaccine.

Article 13 - Animals under three (3) months of age may be admitted to a State Party when:

- 1) The Veterinary Authority of the Exporting Country certifies, in the field of the IVC provided for this purpose, that the age of the animal is less than ninety (90) days, and
- 2) That has not been on any property where there has been any case of urban rabies in the last 90 (ninety) days, based on the owner's declaration and / or official epidemiological information

Art. 14 - The country or zone of origin complying with the provisions of the corresponding chapter of the Terrestrial Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) to be declared officially free of Rabies, even if it does not have an officially approved vaccine, shall be exempt from the application of the vaccine. In this case, the State Party of destination must recognize this condition and the certification of a free country or zone must be included in the certificate.

Art. 15 – The IVC should include data on current immunizations against diseases not deemed compulsory in this resolution. They should also include veterinary treatments applied to the animals in the last 3 (three) months.

Art. 16 - The animal must be subjected, within the 15 (fifteen) days prior to the date of issuance of the IVC, to an effective broad-spectrum treatment against internal and external parasites, using veterinary products approved by the veterinary authority of the exporting country.

Art. 17 - The animal must be subjected, within 10 (ten) days prior to the date of issuance of the IVC, a clinical examination carried out by a veterinary professional enrolled in the exporting country, certifying that the animal is clinically healthy, without evidence of parasitic infections and is suitable for its transfer to the State of destination.

Art. 18 - The State Party of ingress may not authorise the entry into its territory of animals previously diagnosed with Leishmaniosis.

CHAPTER IV ABOUT INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION

Art. 19 - Each State Party has the right to define the procedure of identification of animals. When used an electronic identification system, the corresponding transponder (microchip) must comply with the standards ISO 11784 or Annex "A" of the norm 11785. Also, the anatomical region of the transponder location must be specified in the CVI.

CHAPTER V ABOUT NONCOMPLIANCE

Art. 20 - In case of arrival of an animal at a point of entry of one of the States Parties which does not comply with the sanitary requirements established in this Resolution, the Veterinary Authority of that State Party may adopt the sanitary measures it deems appropriate to safeguard their animal health status.

Art. 21 – Expenses and/or losses of any nature, resulting from the total or partial noncompliance of the terms of the present resolution, shall be borne by the owner/responsible of the animal.

CHAPTER VI FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 22 - The States Parties shall indicate in the scope of the SGT N ° 8 the national competent bodies for the implementation of the present resolution.

Art. 23 – To repeal Resolutions No. 04/96 GMC and 05/96

Art. 24 - This Resolution should be incorporated into the legal order of the States Parties before the 06 / VI / 13.

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