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**GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

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2000 NO 9

**THE RABIES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) ORDER, 2000.**

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The States Agriculture and Countryside Board, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Section 1 of the Rabies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1975 (a), as amended (b), and all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby orders:

1. For Section 1(2) of the Rabies Order 1976 (c), as amended (d) there is substituted:

“1(2) The prohibition on landing contained in Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

(i) an animal brought to the Islands from a place in the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Island of Alderney or the Bailiwick of Jersey provided that where such a animal has been brought to that place from a place outside of those jurisdictions (other than a place in the Islands), the said prohibition shall apply to that animal unless:

- it is a cat or dog that is subject to a commercial transaction and was imported into the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland from another Member State of the European Union in accordance with the provisions of Council Directive 92/65/EEC (e); or
- it is a cat or dog that was imported into England from a country specified in, and in accordance with the provisions of the Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot)(England) Order, 1999 (f); or

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- (a) Ordres en Conseil Volume XXV, p.368.  
(b) No.VII of 1987.  
(c) No.16 of 1976.  
(d) No.2 of 1978, No.34 of 1986 and No.2 of 2000  
(e) Official Journal L268 p.54  
(f) UK SI 1999 No.3443.

- it is a cat or dog that was imported into the Bailiwick of Jersey from a country specified in, and in accordance with the provisions of the Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements)(Jersey) Order, 2000, as amended (g); or
- in any other case it has been detained and isolated in quarantine in one or more of the said countries for a period of, or consecutive periods amounting to, not less than six calendar months.”

2. After Section 1(8) of the Rabies Order 1976, as amended, there shall be inserted:

“ 1(9) The prohibition on landing contained in Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a cat or dog brought to the Islands from one of the countries listed in Schedule 5 and imported in accordance with the following conditions:

**(a) Means of Transport.**

A cat or dog shall only be brought to the Islands by an licensed carrier, travelling on an approved route without leaving the vessel on which it is travelling between departure and arrival.

**(b) Identification of the Animal.**

Every cat or dog shall be identified by means of a microchip implanted into its body by a veterinary surgeon.

**(c) Health Status of the Animal.**

After it has been identified with a microchip, a cat or dog shall

- i) have been vaccinated against rabies in a country or part of a country specified in Schedule 5 to this Order or in the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland after the age of three months by injection of an inactivated vaccine approved by the competent authority of the country in which the vaccination takes place, and
- ii) have had any necessary booster injections in a country or part of a country specified in Schedule 5 or in the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland at intervals specified by the manufacturer of the vaccine.
- iii) After it has been vaccinated against rabies, and at least six months before it is brought into the Islands, a blood sample must have been taken from the cat or dog and tested for rabies antibodies using a virus neutralisation test at a recognised laboratory, with the result of the test demonstrating a protective antibody titre of at least 0.5 international units per millilitre. The six month period shall begin on the date that the sample was taken from the cat or dog.

- iv) The requirement in the preceding Subsection for a delay of a six months between taking the blood sample for testing and the cat or dog being brought into the Islands shall not apply in the case of an animal which was microchipped, vaccinated and blood sampled before the commencement of this Order and at the time the blood sample was taken:
- had never left the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland;
  - had spent six months in quarantine in either the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland and had not subsequently left those countries; or
  - had been imported into the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland under the provisions of Directive 92/65/EEC and had not subsequently left those countries.
- v) Not less than 24 hours and not more than 48 hours before embarkation for the Islands a cat or dog must have been treated by a veterinary surgeon against *Echinococcus multilocularis* and ticks, using a veterinary medicine with a marketing authorisation in the country in which it is administered and at the appropriate dosage. In the case of treatment against *Echinococcus multilocularis* the medicine must contain praziquantel as the active ingredient.
- vi) A cat or dog must not have been outside of the British Islands, the Republic of Ireland or the countries listed in Schedule 1 for the six month period immediately preceding the date that it is brought to the Islands.

**(d) Documentation**

- (i) A cat or dog shall be accompanied by the following documents:
- a official health certificate which contains the information specified in Schedule 6, signed and stamped by an official veterinary surgeon from one of the countries specified in Schedule 5, the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland certifying that the certificate is accurate.
  - an official health certificate relating to *Echinococcus multilocularis* and ticks, stating the date and time of treatment and the type of treatment used, signed and stamped by a veterinary surgeon authorised to practice veterinary medicine in the country in which the treatment was administered.
  - a written declaration, signed by the person accompanying the animal stating that the cat or dog has not been outside of the territories listed in Schedule 5 during the preceding six months.
- (ii) All documents shall be completed in English, but may include a translation in the language of any of the territories listed in Schedule 5.

**(e) Approval of Carriers.**

- (i) The Board may approve a carrier to transport cats and dogs if it is satisfied that:
- the carrier complies with the requirements of Schedule 7,
  - the written procedures and contingency plans required in Schedule 7 are adequate; and
  - the carrier will comply with this Order, the written procedures and contingency plans and any conditions of approval.
- (ii) The approval shall specify:
- the checks that must be carried out,
  - the route to be used and the port of landing in the Islands for the transport of cats and dogs; and
  - any other conditions the Board considers appropriate.
- (iii) Approval shall be given in writing, and may be amended, suspended or revoked by the Board.
- (iv) the carrier shall provide such information as the Board may reasonably require.

**(f) Duties of Approved Carriers.**

- (i) Subject to the provisions of Subsection (9)(f)(iii) an approved carrier shall not bring to the Islands a cat or dog which is not accompanied by the documentation required by Subsection (9)(d)(i).
- (ii) Where a carrier is satisfied that a cat or dog meets the requirements of this Order, it shall issue the person accompanying the animal with a sticker or hanger suitable for displaying in the windscreen of the vehicle in which the animal is travelling, indicating that that vehicle is carrying an animal which meets the requirements.
- (iii) If a cat or dog which has not been presented for checking at the port of loading is discovered by the carrier during transport to the Islands the Captain of the vessel on which the animal is travelling shall immediately notify the Board and the Customs and Immigration Department of that fact.

The Captain should take reasonable steps to identify the person accompanying the animal and to inform that person that the animal will be seized and detained on arrival in the Islands.

The animal may not be removed from the vessel other than by an Approved Carrying Agent.

**(g) Duties at the Port of Arrival.**

- (i) A person importing a cat or dog into the Islands in accordance with the provisions of this Order shall:
- display a sticker or hanger provided by the carrier in a prominent position in the windscreen of the vehicle in which the animal is travelling until that vehicle leaves the confines of the port of St.Peter Port; and
  - produce on demand by an authorised person appointed by the Board within the confines of the port, the certificates and declaration described in Subsection (9)(d)(i) and make any cat or dog available for any checks that are considered appropriate.

**(h) Seizure and Detention.**

- (i) If a cat or dog is imported into the Islands, or an approved person has reasonable grounds to believe that a cat or dog has been imported into the Islands:
- without one or more of the certificates or declaration required in Subsection (9)(d)(i), or
  - by any means other than on a service provided by an carrier on a service specified in an approval granted under the provisions of Subsection (9)(e),

an approved person shall immediately seize and detain the animal and report the fact to the Board.

The Board shall immediately arrange for an Authorised Carrying Agent to transport the animal to secure premises specified by the Board.

- (ii) The owner or person accompanying a cat or dog that is seized and detained shall be given the option of:
- immediately returning the animal to its place of origin,
  - applying to the Board for a licence to import the animal into Authorised Quarantine Premises in Guernsey,
  - applying to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to import the animal into approved quarantine premises in the United Kingdom; or
  - presenting to the Board within 7 days the documentation required by Subsection (9)(d)(i).

- (iii) Where a cat or dog is released from detention to be returned to its place of origin or for transportation to approved quarantine premises in the United Kingdom the animal shall be transported to the place of loading and placed in the vessel on which it will travel by an Approved Carrying Agent.

(i) **Costs.**

Any and all the costs of:

- obtaining the official documents required by this Order,
- any tests and treatments that have to be carried out on a cat or dog,
- transporting a cat or dog to and from the Islands,
- any period of detention in secure premises,
- any period of detention in quarantine,
- transportation by an Approved Carrying Agent; or
- any other costs associated with the implementation of the provisions of this Order,

shall be borne by the owner of, or person accompanying, a cat or dog.”

(10) In Subsection (9):

“Carrier” means a carrier authorised under the provisions of Subsection (9)(e) of this Order.

“Official Veterinary Surgeon” means A veterinary surgeon authorised by the government of the country in which official health certificates are completed to sign such official health certificates. In the case of the Islands, a veterinary surgeon whose name is inscribed in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons which is maintained by the Board under the provisions of Section 9 of the Veterinary Surgery and Animal Welfare Ordinance, 1987(h).

“Recognised Laboratory” means A laboratory recognised by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food under the provisions of Article 6(6) of the Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements)(England) Order, 1999 and published in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(7) of that Order.

“Successful blood test”

means

a serological test which shows a rabies neutralising titre equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml.

“Veterinary Surgeon” means A person who is entitled to practice in the country in which a cat or dog is microchipped, vaccinated against rabies, or treated for Echinococcus multilocularis and ticks.

3. In Section 25(i) of the Rabies Order, 1976 in the definition of “Committee” the words “ The States Agriculture and Countryside Board” shall be substituted for “The States of Guernsey Agricultural and Milk Marketing Board”.
4. The Rabies (Amendment) Order, 2000 (i) is hereby revoked.
5. The Order may be cited as The Rabies (Amendment)(No 2) Order, 2000 and shall come into force on 15 May 2000.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000.



P.J.R.Roffey.  
President.

STATES AGRICULTURE AND COUNTRYSIDE BOARD.  
For and on behalf of the Board.

## SCHEDULE 5

Countries specified for the purpose of Section 1(9)(c)(i).

Andorra

Australia (only dogs assisting persons suffering from sensory impairment)

Austria

Belgium

Denmark

Finland

France (except Martinique, Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Le Réunion, French Polynesia, Wallis and Fortuna, Mayotte, St.Pierre and Miquelon and New Caledonia).

Germany

Gibraltar

Greece

Iceland

Italy

Liechtenstein

Luxembourg

Monaco

Netherlands

New Zealand (only dogs assisting persons suffering from sensory impairment)

Norway (except Svalbard)

Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores)

San Marino

Spain (including the Canary Islands, but excluding Ceuta and Melilla)

Sweden

Switzerland

Vatican City

## SCHEDULE 6

## Section 1(9)(d)(i)

An official health certificate relating to rabies shall contain the following information:

1. The period of validity of the certificate which is:
  - (i) in the case of a cat or dog satisfying Section 1(9)(c)(iv), from the date of commencement of this Order or the date on which the certificate was completed, whichever is the later; or
  - (ii) in any other case from the date on which the certificate was completed or six months after the date on which a blood sample was taken, whichever is the later,until the date of the expiry of the vaccination or recent booster vaccination.
2. The number and location of the microchip.
3. A declaration stating that an official veterinary surgeon has:
  - (i) seen the record of rabies vaccination for the cat or dog which identifies the microchip number, indicates that the animal was vaccinated against rabies after the microchip was implanted, that any re-vaccination was carried out before the previous vaccination had expired and that the latest vaccination is valid.
  - (ii) seen a record (certified by the laboratory carrying out the test) of the result of a serological test for the cat or dog, carried out on a blood sample taken on a specified date after the first rabies vaccination was administered by a recognised laboratory which states that the rabies neutralising antibody titre was equal to or greater than 0.5IU/ml.
  - (iii) examined the cat or dog and it showed no clinical signs of rabies at the time of examination.

Conditions of Approval for Carriers.

1. Staff having contact with passengers who are travelling with cats and dogs and involved in carrying out the checks required by this Order shall be appropriately trained.
2. The carrier shall set out in writing procedures to ensure that a cat or dog presented for travel to the Islands under the provisions of this Order is:
  - (i) directed to an appropriate checking point.
  - (ii) checked in accordance with the requirements of this Order.
  - (iii) transported in an appropriate part of a vessel or aircraft in acceptable conditions.
3. The carrier shall set out in writing procedures for action if a cat or dog presented for travel fails to comply with the requirements of this Order, or if the carrier reasonably suspects is intended to be transported to the Islands without being presented for checking.
4. The carrier shall set out in writing contingency procedures for dealing with emergencies, including plans for vessels being diverted to another place of landing.
5. The carrier shall provide adequate facilities for carrying out the checks required by this Order and shall ensure that such facilities are adequately equipped, manned and maintained.
6. The carrier shall make arrangements for veterinary assistance to be provided where necessary.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE.**

This Order allows:

- pet cats and dogs which have been imported into England under the provisions of the United Kingdom Pet Travel Scheme to travel on to Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Jethou without restriction; and
- pet cats and dogs to be imported into Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Jethou without having to undergo quarantine for six months provided that they meet certain health requirements, are accompanied by specific documents and are transported by an authorised carrier on an approved route.

It also provides for local Veterinary Surgeons to authorise the official documents that must accompany pet cats and dogs that travel from Guernsey, Sark, Herm or Jethou into one of qualifying countries and then into England or return to the Islands.