

ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION DIVISION

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CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS

Animals (National and International Movement and Disease Prevention) Regulations 1994.

A permit would be granted subject to the terms and conditions, relating to the importation of dogs, as set out in the governing regulation for the time being enforced and to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The animal <u>MUST</u> accompanied by a health certificate signed by an Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by the office of the Competent Authority (Veterinary) stating that:
 - a. The animal(s) was born in and has never left (COUNTRY) or where not born in or has left (COUNTRY) and returned, has been in (COUNTRY) for the previous six (6) months.

b.

- The animal(s) should be implanted with an I.S.O microchip, followed by a
 Rabies Vaccination with an inactivated adjuvant vaccine, the animal should
 not be less than twelve (12) weeks of age
- ii. At least three (3) weeks following the Rabies vaccination, a blood sample should be taken from the said animal(s) following microchip identification, and tested for antibody level. (See Annex 1 for the list of approved laboratories in the USA and the UK.

The animal(s) MUST have a protective antibody level 0f > 0.5 IU/ml. A copy of the Laboratory result must be delivered to this office and the protective antibody level confirmed <u>BEFORE</u> the issuance of an import permit.

- 2. The animal(s) should be in good health and free from symptoms of any prescribed or any other infectious or contagious disease.
- 3. The animal(s) has/have been vaccinated against Canine Distemper, Parvovirus, Leptospirosis, Hepatitis and Parainfluenza not less than seven (7) days prior to date of export.
- 4. The animal(s) must be screened for heartworm with negative results within seven (7) days prior to date of export.
- 5. The animal(s) should be treated for external parasites and for internal parasites with an approved broad spectrum antihelminthic within seven (7) days prior to date of export.

Other information:

- An import permit will take at least 3 working days to process once all requisite documents are submitted.
- Forty-eight (48) hours notice of arrival must be given. Phone: (784) 456-1111 Ext 326 or (784) 457-2452 or (784) 493-1749
- A Veterinary Inspection Fee of EC\$55.00/ US\$20.00 is chargeable upon inspection on arrival.
- Animal(s) landed in St. Vincent and the Grenadines after 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, on weekends or public holidays are subject to a separate inspection fee.

Annex 1

<u>List of Approved Laboratories</u>

Veterinary Laboratory Agency

New Haw, Addlestone Surrey KT15 3NB United Kingdom

Tel: (+44) 193 235 7840 Fax: (+44) 193 235 7239

BioBest

Pentlands Science Park Bush Loan Penicuik Midlothian EH26 0PZ United Kingdom

Tel: (+44) 0131 445 6101 Fax: (+44) 0131 445 6102

Website: www.biobest.co.uk

FAVN Rabies Laboratory

1800 Denison Avenue

Mosier Hall

Kansas State University

Manhattan

Kansas 66506-5601

Tel: (+1) 785 532 5650 Fax: (+1) 785 532 4481

Website: www.vet.ksu.edu/rabies
E-mail: rabies@vet.ksu.edu

Laboratoire Departemental 31

76 Chemin Boudou

331140 Launaguet – CS 50013

France

Tél: (+33) 0562 104 900 Fax: (+33) 0562 104 910

Website: www.labo-vet-haute-garonne.fr

E-Mail: ld31@cd31.fr

The FAVN Test must be used (Not the RFFIT)

Please contact our office for the list of approved laboratories in your country if not shown above