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Subject:— Revised Procedure for Import of Pets/ Live Animals - reg.

Attention of the importers, Customs Brokers, members of the trade and all other stakeholders is invited to Board’s Circular No. 35/2020-Customs dated 10.08.2020 on the captioned subject.

2. In the said Board’s Circular reference has been given to Office Memorandum dated 15.07.2020 issued vide F. No. L-110110/26/2019-Trade (E-14194) by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, prescribing therein procedure for import of Live Animals in general and also for import of pets (only Dogs and Cats) as baggage/Personal imports by Passengers. The relevant portion is reproduced for ease of reference:

"for "Ease of Understanding and Doing Business" as well as streamlining the complete process of import of live animals into India by the importers, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs); Process for import; Application Form for obtaining advance No Objection Certificate from AQCS; Veterinary Health Certificate format to fulfill Indian requirements; format for advance No Objection Certificate; format for Physical Examination of Pet at port of arrival; format for Physical Examination of the pet/animals during Quarantine period at AQCS; format for final No Objection Certificate, etc. have been standardized for import of live animals including pets into India and are annexed herewith. The details of post-import tests and name of laboratories where required tests will be done, has also been mentioned".

3. The DAHD has also clarified that:

"the concerned AQCS will inspect only those documents which pertain to veterinary health requirements. The other documents/licenses, which are required under various rules & regulations of other Departments including Customs, shall be inspected by the Customs authorities”.

The above said O.M. dated 15.07.2020 can be accessed in the URL
(http://dadf.gov.in/sites/default/files/OM%20dated%2015%20July%202020%20on%20import%20live%20animals_0.pdf).
4. It has been decided that the following procedure shall be followed for clearance of pets/live animals including cats and dogs:

4.1 Following steps shall be kept in mind by the importers/Airlines before arrival for import of Pet/Live Animals to ensure quicker clearance:

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<th>Scenario</th>
<th>Procedure to be adopted before arrival</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Maximum of 2 Pets (only dog and cat) brought with passengers eligible and availing Transfer of Residence after 2 years stay abroad.</td>
<td>1. Passenger to ensure eligibility about transfer of residence under Baggage Rules, 2016</td>
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<td>2. Passenger to obtain Veterinary Health Certificate from Country of Export as per the format in Annexure I &amp; II for Dogs and Cats respectively (copy enclosed).</td>
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<td>3. Passenger to apply for advance NOC to AQCS and obtain the same.</td>
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<td>4. Airline will not lift the live animals until advance NOC from AQCS is obtained by the passenger.</td>
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<td>Re-Import of pets by passengers</td>
<td>1. Passenger to ensure that he possesses copy of earlier Veterinary Health Certificate for export issued by AQCS India.</td>
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<td>All cases other than those mentioned at S. No. 1 &amp; 2 above including: i) Pets brought by the passengers for short stay.</td>
<td>1. Importer to obtain Veterinary Health Certificate from Country of Export as per the format in Annexure I &amp; II for Dogs and Cats respectively (copy enclosed).</td>
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<td>2. Importer to obtain Import License from DGFT.</td>
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<td>ii) Import of commercial dogs for commercial purpose (for R&amp;D purpose with recommendation of CPCSEA / Security purpose).</td>
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4.2 On arrival, the Customs Officers shall allow clearance only based on final NOC provided by AQCS after the examination of said pets/live animals and production of DGFT license and/or clearance of WCCB, wherever applicable. For the procedures related to clearance by AQCs, OM dated 15.07.2020 mentioned in Para 2 above may be referred to.

5. Any previous Public Notice / Standing Order issued by this office on the captioned subject stands rescinded.

6. All trade associations/members of Customs Brokers Association are requested to take note and publicize the contents of this Public Notice among their members/constituents.

7. For the departmental officers, this may be treated as Standing Order.

8. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical), ACC Import, New Customs House, New Delhi through e-mail on email ID: accimpdel-technical@gov.in.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import).

Encls: Annexure- I & II

(Debjit Banerjee)
Joint Commissioner (Technical)
ACC (Import)

Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (DZ), NCH, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
3. The Additional/ Joint Commissioner, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
4. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Import Shed), ACC (Import), New Delhi.
5. The Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner Group (I&II), (III,IV&VI), V, VA, VB, SIIB, ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi.
6. The Deputy Commissioner (EDI), ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi for uploading the above Public Notice on the Official Website.
7. Shri S. Ramakrishna, President, Delhi Customs Brokers Association, 260-61, Anarkali Bazar, Jhandewalan Extension, DDA Shopping Complex, New Delhi-110055.
8. Delhi International Airport Ltd, IGI Airport, Cargo Terminal, New Delhi.

(Debjit Banerjee)
Joint Commissioner (Technical)
ACC (Import)
Annexure-1

Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Pet Dogs into India

1. OWNER
   Name and Address of the owner(s) of the dog(s): ...........................................
   Contact No: ........................................
   Email: ........................................

2. Description
   Breed of Dog: ..........................................................
   Age or date of birth: ..............................................
   Sex: .................................................................
   Colour: ............................................................
   Coat type and marking/ Distinguish mark: ...........................................
   Identification/ Microchip number: ...........................................

3. Additional Information
   Country of origin: ..................................................
   Countries visited over the past two years as declared by owner (give dates):
   ........................................................................

4. Sanitary Information
   I, the undersigned, Official Veterinarian hereby certify that the dog(s) described above and
   examined on this day:
   a) show/shows no clinical sign of any disease including rabies, canine distemper, parvo
      virus infection, leptospirosis, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Scabies and Leishmaniasis.
   b) has/have been vaccinated for rabies (in case it is more than three months of age) Canine
      distemper, parvo virus infection, leptospirosis within the time limit recommended by the
      vaccine manufacturer licensed and approved by the exporting country (name of the vaccine,
      batch number and the date of vaccination must be shown on the passport/pet book/health
      card of dog(s) as the case may be).
   c) has/have been under treatment (if any) with following details
      (i) Type of treatment
      (ii) Type of medication

Official Stamp:

Issued at ...................... on ..............

Signature...........................................
Name and address of Official Veterinarian: ....
Registration No: ...................................
Email: .............................................
Contact no: ........................................

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Annexure II

Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Pet Cats into India

Owner
Name and Address of the owner(s) of the cat(s): ..........................................................
Contact no.: ..........................................................................................
E-Mail: ..............................................................................................

Description
Breed of Cat(s): ..................................................................................
Age or date of birth: ..........................................................................
Sex: .................................................................................................
Colour: ............................................................................................
Coat type and marking/ Distinguish mark: ..........................................
Identification number: ......................................................................

Additional Information
Country of origin: ...........................................................................
Countries visited over the past two years as declared by owner (give dates):
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Sanitary Information
I, the undersigned, Official Veterinarian hereby certify that the cat(s) described above and 
examined on this day:
 a) show/shows no clinical sign of any disease including rabies, feline enteritis, feline pan 
leukopenia, leptospirosis, distemper, scabies, aujeszky’s disease, toxoplasmosis etc.
b) has been vaccinated for rabies (in case it is more than three months of age) within the time 
limit recommended by the manufacturer of vaccine licensed and approved by the exporting 
country (name of the vaccine, batch number and the date of vaccination must be shown on the 
 veterinary certificate).
c) has/have been under treatment (if any) with following details
   i Type of treatment
   ii Type of medication

Issued at ................................on........................

Signature ..........................................................  
Name and address of Official Veterinarian: ..................
Registration No.: ...........................................
Email: .........................................................
Contact no: .......................................................

Official Stamp:

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