

REMINDER FOR PEOPLE TRAVELING WITH ANIMALS

Veterinary requirements for the importation of companion animals into the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) (Paragraphs 15 and 40 of the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to veterinary Control (Supervision), approved by the Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of 18.06.2010 "On the Application of Veterinary and Sanitary Measures in the Eurasian Economic Union")

Step #1. Carefully study the veterinary and sanitary requirements of the Eurasian Economic Union.

It is allowed to import dogs and cats transported for personal use in the amount of no more than two heads without the permission of the Rosselkhoznadzor and prior quarantine, but with the issuance of an international veterinary passport.

All other animals and birds must be quarantined before being imported to Russia. Quarantine is carried out by the competent authority of the country where the animal lives with the owner. In addition, their movement must be accompanied by veterinary certificates.

It is allowed to import unidentified animals (without a chip, tattoo, ring, brand, etc.) for keeping at home.

To import birds, it is additionally necessary to conduct diagnostic tests for ornithosis (psittacosis) and avian influenza. For the import of minks, studies on Aleutian disease are provided.

For other pets, diagnostic tests are not required.

It is also important to call the airline you have chosen for your trip and find out the rules for transporting animals.

Step #2. Vaccinate the animal.

To import animals to Russia, you need to issue an international veterinary passport. It should contain marks about the vaccination, entered in the document by the veterinarian. Vaccination is carried out no later than 20 days before shipment, if it has not been done for 12 months.

Rabies vaccination.

All carnivores (except minks) must be vaccinated against rabies.

It is allowed to import animals vaccinated with a drug that provides protection against rabies for 3 years, if the veterinarian confirms that the period for maintaining immunity has not expired, or if the laboratory confirms that the strength of immunity against rabies is not less than 0.5 IU / ml.

In other cases, laboratory confirmation of the strength of immunity against rabies is not required.

Please note that the import of unvaccinated rabies kittens and puppies under the age of 3 months is allowed only if accompanied by a veterinary certificate of form No. 15.

Vaccination against other dangerous viruses.

According to the EAEU legislation, animals must be given the following vaccinations:

- foxes and arctic foxes-against the plague of carnivores;
- minks and ferrets-against carnivorous plague, viral enteritis, pseudomoniasis;
- nutria-against pasteurellosis.
- dogs – against carnivorous plague, hepatitis, parvovirus infections and adenovirus infections, leptospirosis (if they were not treated for preventive purposes with dehydrostreptomycin or a substance registered in the exporting country that gives an equivalent effect);
- cats – against panleukopenia.
- rabbits – against myxomatosis and viral hemorrhagic disease, as well as at the request of the authorized body of the EAEU member state, on the territory of which import is carried out, for other infectious diseases.

Step #3. Complete the necessary documents.

When importing dogs and cats for personal use in the amount of no more than two heads, it is enough to issue an international veterinary passport, which will be equated to a veterinary certificate when moving the animal.

The veterinary passport must be marked by the competent authority of your country to conduct a clinical examination of the animal within 14 days before shipment.

When importing dogs and cats to Russia accompanied by an international passport, the animal can move throughout the entire territory of the EAEU accompanied only by this document.

In the absence of an international passport or when dogs and cats are imported unaccompanied by the owner, the animal must be transported together with a veterinary certificate of form No. 15.

Import of fur-bearing animals and rabbits must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate of form No. 15.

Other domestic animals — for example, parrots, rats, and reptiles—are imported to Russia accompanied by a veterinary certificate of form No. 41.

To apply for these certificates, please contact the competent veterinary authority in your country.

The forms of veterinary certificates can be found on the official website of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC).
<https://eec.eaeunion.org/comission/departament/depsanmer/veterinarno-sanitarnye-mery/formy-edinykh-veterinarnykh-sertifikatov.php> .

Step #4. Pass veterinary control when crossing the border.

When crossing the border of the Eurasian Economic Union, it is necessary to pass veterinary control.

Animals must be imported through checkpoints where veterinary control is carried out.

When do I need a Rosselkhoz nadzor permit?

The Rosselkhoz nadzor permit will be required for:

- If you plan to import more than two dogs or cats to Russia.
- if the import of dogs and cats is carried out unaccompanied by the owner.

When importing pets of up to five heads, you can use the Rosselkhoznadzor permit in form No. 1, which is issued annually for an indefinite number of persons to import cats, dogs, small domestic and ornamental animals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and hydrobionts from a number of countries for purposes other than business, for keeping with the importing person.

To apply for a permit, you can use the Argus automated system, having previously read the activation procedure and instructions on the procedure for registration.

Returning home.

When exporting pets from the territory of Russia, you do not need to issue any documents, if this is not required for returning to the country of permanent residence. When required, documents can be issued at the request of the pet owner.

Import of exotic and rare animals.

If your pet is on the CITES list, please contact the organization's administrative authority in your country. CITES-Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

This information is available on the Rosselkhoznadzor's official website (fsvps.gov.ru) in the section "For citizens" – "Traveling with pets" – "Import to Russia" at: <https://fsvps.gov.ru/puteshestvujushhim-s-pitomcami-vvoz-vyvo/instrukcija-kak-vvezti-domashnee-zhivotnoe-v-rossiju/>.