



Bringing of Pets/Animals and Plants

Importation of Pets, Exotic Animals and Plants

■ **IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS**

1. Apply for an import permit by accomplishing the application form, or by writing a letter-request addressed to:

The Director
Bureau of Animal Industry
Visayas Avenue, Quezon City

2. The letter would need to contain the following information:

- a. species and breed of animal
- b. sex, age and number of animals
- c. expected date of arrival

3. Upon receipt of the application form or request letter, the BAI will issue the Import Permit which is valid for two months. In addition to an import permit, the importer must pay issuance and inspection fees at the Veterinary Quarantine Unit at the airport.

Issuance and inspection fees are P100.00 pesos and P250.00 pesos for the first two heads and P300.00 pesos for the succeeding head, respectively. Extension for another month may be requested before its expiry date. Payment for extension is P100.00 pesos

4. The importer must secure a valid health certificate from the country of origin. The dog/cat and the health certificate shall be presented at the Veterinary Quarantine Unit for inspection.

5. A Notice of Quarantine shall be issued. The cat and dog shall be subjected to an in-house quarantine for 30 days.

For further information, you may contact the National Veterinary Quarantine Services of the Bureau of Animal Industry at (+632)-920-0816 or email at quarantine_bai@yahoo.com.

Online Application of importation for Dogs & Cats:
www.bai.ph/services/nvqs_IP_app1.asp

■ **IMPORTATION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS AND PLANTS**

As of 20 February 2007, the Department of Agriculture has ordered the temporary ban on all imports of live birds along with poultry and its products from the United Kingdom after an outbreak of the avian influenza (AI) in the European country was validated by global health authorities.

The ban, which took effect last Feb. 05, 2007 was based on a report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) or Animal Health Organization confirming the presence of the highly pathogenic strain of the bird flu virus in Britain.

For updates and similar related news features, please check with the website of the Department of Agriculture at www.da.gov.ph.

For the Rules and Procedures in Importing Exotic Animals, please contact the following:

Bureau of Animal Industry
Visayas Ave., Quezon City
Tel. No.: +632-928-2743 / 928-2836
Email: quarantine.bai@yahoo.com

For the Rules and Procedures in Importing Plants and securing a Phytosanitary Certificate, please contact the following:

Plant Quarantine Services
Bureau of Plant Industry
612 San Andres, Malate, Manila
Tel. No.: +632- 404 04 09
Fax No.: +632- 521 76 50
Website: <http://www.bpi.da.gov.ph>
Email: bpinir@info.com.ph