

Topic: Dog Importation into the USA

Dear all,

The Center for Disease Control of the United States has implemented new guidelines for the transportation and entry of dogs into the USA. These guidelines apply to all dogs traveling as PETC, AVIH, or SVAN.

For the check-in, the standard animal acceptance procedures must be followed. The major change will be confirming that the passenger has the CDC Dog Import Form receipt. Check-in staff should consider the following about the dog:

- Appear to be in good health
- Be at least six months old
- Be microchipped
- Be in possession of the CDC Dog Import Form receipt

The CDC Dog Import Form receipt appears as below:

Dog Import Form Receipt: COMPLETE

This is your Dog Import Form receipt.
Date of issuance: 07/22/2024
Valid for multiple entries until: (Testing. Will Add 6mths)07/22/2024

This receipt is valid for 6 months from the date of issuance for the dog listed below.

This receipt may be used for the dog listed below for multiple entries to the United States from **low-risk or rabies-free** countries. If the dog has been in a high-risk rabies country since you submitted the Dog Import Form, this receipt is no longer valid for entry and you must complete a new Dog Import Form.

You must show this receipt (printed or on your phone) to airline staff and/or U.S. port of entry officials. CDC reserves the right to request additional documentation verifying the information contained in this receipt upon arrival in the United States.

SECTION A: TRAVEL INFORMATION
Date of Arrival: 08/02/2024
Country of Departure: Romania
Travel Type: Sea

SECTION B: PERSON IMPORTING THE ANIMAL
Name of Importer: julia charles
Passport//Driver's License: 123456789
Country or State of Issuance: Argentina
Date of Birth: 07/16/2024
Email: yb1@cdc.gov
Phone Number: 1234567890

SECTION C: ANIMAL INFORMATION
Name: charlie
Age: year(s) and month(s)
Sex:
Breed:
Color:
Importation Purpose: Commercial (rescue, resale, adoption, or other commercial purpose)

In the event that the dog was in or transited through a high-risk country for canine rabies the form will have additional information. See below:

CDC Dog Import Form Receipt: COMPLETE	
<p>This is your CDC Dog Import Form receipt.</p> <p>Date of issuance: 07/22/2024 Valid for Date of Arrival: 08/02/2024</p> <p>This receipt is valid for a dog that has been in a rabies high-risk country in the 6 months before entering the United States. This receipt may be used only for the dog described below for a single entry to the United States on the date of arrival listed above.</p> <p>This receipt does not guarantee a dog's entry into the United States. You must show this receipt (printed or on your phone) to airline staff and/or U.S. port of entry officials. Additional documentation must also be shown to airline staff and/or U.S. port of entry officials to verify a dog's eligibility for entry into the United States. CDC reserves the right to take other actions to protect the public's health.</p> <p>SECTION A: TRAVEL INFORMATION Date of Arrival: 07/22/2024 Country of Departure: Anguilla Travel Type: Sea</p> <p>SECTION B: PERSON IMPORTING THE ANIMAL Name of Importer: julia charles Passport/Driver's License: 123456789 Country or State of Issuance: Algeria Date of Birth: 07/25/2024 Email: ryb1@cdc.gov Phone Number: 1234567890</p> <p>SECTION C: ANIMAL INFORMATION Name: charle Age: 0 year(s) and 6 month(s) Sex: Female Intact Breed: Great Dane Color: harlequin Importion Purpose:</p> <p>FOR ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN IN A HIGH-RISK COUNTRY FOR RABIES IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS NEEDED IN ADDITION TO THIS RECEIPT:</p> <p>1. A valid <i>Certification of U.S.-Issued Rabies Vaccination Form</i>; OR 2. Examination and rabies vaccination upon arrival at a CDC-registered animal care facility.</p> <p>o Foreign-vaccinated dogs that have been in a high-risk country in the past six months must have a reservation at a CDC-registered animal care facility for examination and revaccination immediately upon arrival at the importer's expense.</p> <p>o Foreign-vaccinated dogs that have been in a high-risk country in the past six months must also have a valid rabies serologic titer from a CDC-approved laboratory or undergo a 28-day quarantine at a CDC-registered animal care facility at the importer's expense.</p> <p>For dogs that have only been in dog rabies-free or low-risk countries in the past 6 months with valid documentation, no additional documentation are required for entry.</p> <p>SECTION: HIGH RISK ANIMAL INFORMATION Microchip Number: 123-456-789-456-123 State and Port of Entry: AK - Nome, AK (3128) - SEA Mode of Entry: Sea Country of Departure: Anguilla Arrival Date: 2024-08-02 Countries Visited in Past 6 Months: Angola IF TRAVELING BY AIR INCLUDE: Carrier and Flight Number: How is the animal traveling? IF TRAVELING BY LAND INCLUDE: License Plate State: License Plate Number: IF TRAVELING BY SEA INCLUDE: Name of Vessel: TS Photo of Animal:</p> 	

Passengers will have also received a confirmation email like the one below:

From: CDC Animal Imports (CDC) <cdcanimalimports@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 1:11 PM
To: REDACTED
Cc: qsmiami@petlimo.com
Subject: Reservation confirmed at Pet Limo REDACTED dog arriving as Hand Carry on 22 July 2024
Importance: High
Dear REDACTED,
This email serves as confirmation of your reservation for Piston at Pet Limo on 22 July 2024 on behalf of William Pacheco
Piston is a Male Neutered Black & Tan Mixed Breed/Other ♀ with microchip # REDACTED from Colombia on Avianca - Aerovias Nacionales de Colombia AV030 on 22 July 2024

The CDC Dog Import Form receipt can be presented both printed and digitally.

Attached to this Read & Sign is the original Security Bulletin from ITA Airways. Please review it in detail.

Although the attachment comes from ITA Airways, the procedure applies to all airlines.



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CDC Final rules for dog importation in USA

Above the wing

Premise In order to limit the spread of canine rabies, the U.S. government agency CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) will implement new guidelines for the transportation and entry of dogs into the United States starting August 1st. These guidelines apply to dogs traveling with passengers (PETC/AVIH/SVAN) as well as those transported as cargo. In addition to the current regulations, passengers are required to complete a specific form through the CDC website (link provided below). The receipt of this form must be presented and verified at check-in to allow or deny the passenger's boarding. The receipt will explicitly authorize the passenger for the transportation and entry of the animal into the country under certain conditions. The regulations categorize countries of origin into:

- Countries with low or no risk of canine rabies transmission
- Countries with high risk of canine rabies transmission

This communication aims to guide airport operators in the necessary checks on the requirements and documentation needed for the transportation of animals to the United States.

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Procedure A passenger intending to travel to the United States with a dog must have previously completed the 'DOG IMPORT FORM' available on the CDC website (CBP.gov/travel) and must have received the mandatory transportation authorization (CDC DOG IMPORT FORM RECEIPT).

➤ **Scenario 1:** Dogs coming from rabies-free and/or low-risk countries:

- **Appear to be in good health**
- **Be at least six months old**
- **Be microchipped**
- **Be accompanied by an online submission receipt of the CDC Dog Import Form (Dog Import Form receipt)**

The DOG IMPORT FORM receipt is valid for a single dog for multiple entries into the United States within 6 months from the date of issuance. Entry into the country is allowed from any POE (Point of Entry) The POE is not mentioned in the Dog Import Form receipt.



➤ **Scenario 2:** Dogs coming from or having stayed/transited in high-risk countries for canine rabies transmission in the 6 months prior to the travel date to the United States, which have been vaccinated against rabies in the United States:

- **Appear to be in good health**
- **Be at least six months old**
- **Be microchipped**
- **Be accompanied by an online submission receipt of the CDC Dog Import Form (Dog Import Form receipt). In this case, the receipt will be a longer and more detailed version than that required for Scenario 1 and must include a photo of the animal along with one of the following documents:**
 - **Rabies vaccination certificate issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), or**
 - **USDA-endorsed export health certificate, valid for multiple entries for 1 or 3 years, depending on the vaccine administered (option valid if leaving the United States before July 31, 2024)**

N.B: Both of these documents are valid for multiple entries from 1 to 3 years depending on the characteristics of the rabies vaccine.

For Scenario 2, the CDC DOG IMPORT FORM receipt will be valid for a single entry into the United States for the arrival date stated on the receipt. Entry is allowed from any POE (Point of Entry) as long as it matches the one declared in the DOG IMPORT FORM RECEIPT

➤ **Scenario 3:** Dogs coming from or having stayed/transited in high-risk countries for canine rabies transmission in the 6 months prior to the travel date to the United States, which have been vaccinated against rabies outside the United States:

- **Appear to be in good health**
- **Be at least six months old**
- **Be microchipped**
- **Be accompanied by an online submission receipt of the CDC Dog Import Form (Dog Import Form receipt). In this case, the receipt will be a longer and more detailed version than that required for Scenario 1 and must include a photo of the animal along with the following documents:**
 - **Certificate of 'Foreign Rabies Vaccination and Microchip form', valid for 30 days from the date of issuance and for a single entry**
 - **Valid rabies titer test certificate (not required if the dog has a reservation for a 28-day quarantine)**
 - **Confirmation of reservation at a CDC-registered animal care facility (ACF), which can be found through the link: www.cdc.gov/acf**

For Scenario 3, the CDC DOG IMPORT FORM receipt will be valid for a single entry into the United States for the arrival date stated on the receipt. Entry is allowed only if the POE is at an airport with an accredited ACF and the arrival POE matches the one declared in the DOG IMPORT FORM RECEIPT.



Currently, within the ITA Airways network, the entry of dogs into the United States is not possible at:

- SFO (San Francisco)
- ORD (Chicago)
- BOS (Boston)

Currently, ACF centers within the ITA Airways network are only available at JFK, MIA, IAD, and LAX.

If a country or political unit is NOT listed below, it is NOT considered high-risk for the importation of dogs into the United States. The list of countries considered high-risk for transmission can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/high-risk-countries.html>

The following list is updated as of the publication date of this communication.

Countries at HIGH RISK of canine rabies infection					
Afghanistan	China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau,Taiwan)	Guatemala	LibyaLiberia	Pakistan	Tanzania (Including Zanzibar)
Algeria	Colombia	Guinea	Libya	Peru	Thailand
Angola	Comoros	Guinea Bissau	Madagascar	Philippines	Timor-Leste
Armenia	Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Guyana	Malawi	Qatar	Togo
Azerbaijan	Cuba	Haiti	Malaysia	Republic of the Congo	Tunisia
Bangladesh	Democratic Rep of Congo	Honduras	Mali	Russia	Turkey
Belarus	Djibuti	India	Mauritania	Rwanda	Turkmenistan
Belize	Dominican Rep	Indonesia	Melilla	São Tomé and Príncipe	Uganda
Benin	Ecuador	Iran	Moldova	Saudi Arabia	Ukraine
Bolivia	Egypt	Iraq	Mongolia	Senegal	United Arab Emirates
Botswana	El Salvador	Israel (including the West Bank and Gaza):	Morocco (including Western Sahara)	Sierra Leone	Uzbekistan
Brazil	Equatorial Guinea	Jordan	Mozambique	Somalia	Venezuela
Burkina Faso	Eritrea	Kazakhstan	Myanmar(Burma)	South Africa	Vietnam
Burundi	Eswatini(Swaziland)	Kenya	Namibia	South Sudan	Yemen
Cambodia	Ethiopia	Kuwait	Nepal	Sri Lanka	Zambia
Cameroon	Gabon	Kyrgyzstan	Niger	Sudan	Zimbabwe
Central African Republic	Gambia	Laos	Nigeria	Suriname	
Ceuta	Georgia	Lebanon	North Korea	Syria	
Chad	Ghana	Lesotho	Oman	Tajikistan	



On the CDC government website, you can also access support with instructions for completing the 'DOG IMPORT FORM' for dogs entering the United States from rabies-free or low-risk countries. Below is the link to provide to passengers who request it:

https://www.cdc.gov/importation/media/pdfs/2024/07/Dog-Import-Form-Instructions_-Low-risk.pdf

For full compliance with the new regulations and for the well-being of the animals, all airport operators are required to carry out the above checks with the utmost care, in order to avoid possible inconvenience to passengers and their animals (PETC/AVIH/SVAN) up to the potential denial of entry into the United States

Other further information:

- A. **If the dog is only transiting through a high-risk country before entering the U.S.:** Dogs do not need to meet U.S. entry requirements for dogs that have been in a high-risk country if they are transiting through a high-risk country as cargo. Dogs transiting through a high-risk country as hand-carried or excess baggage MUST meet the requirements for dogs from a high-risk country to be eligible to enter the U.S.
- B. **If the dog is only transiting through the U.S. to go to another country:** Dogs do not need to meet U.S. entry requirements if they are transiting through the U.S. as cargo. Dogs transported as hand-carried or excess baggage MUST meet the requirements for U.S. entry to be eligible to transit through the U.S. on their way to another country.

This operational communication does not mention the pre-requisite of the Airway Bill (AWB) as foreseen, since IA Airways has requested a waiver from the CDC