

Senasa procedure authorizing the dispatch of pets to Canada, China, Malasia, Thailand and Russia.

A.- Introduction

The Agri-Food Health and Quality National Service (Senasa) of the Argentine Republic has created this procedure, taking into account the requirements fixed by the Competent Authorities of the destination countries for authorizing the entry of dogs and cats into their territory.

In this procedure, all those countries with similar admission requirements have been grouped (Canada, China, Malasia, Thailand and Russia).

And it is not valid for (among others): Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa and Switzerland.

European Union Countries: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Rumania and Sweden.

B.- Information on the Quarantine Premises “Lazareto Capital”

Quarantine Premises “Lazareto Capital” is located at Buenos Aires Port, South Dock, in Elvira Rawson de Dellepiane street W/N and Calabria Avenue, (500m from the Floating Casino of Buenos Aires).

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C.- Service hours

The service hours to apply for the International Veterinary Certificate for dogs and cats accompanying and supporting the animals to the destination country is:

Working days between 10:30 am and 03:30 pm.

The procedure is as follows:

Senasa staff at the Quarantine Premises “Lazareto Capital” receive all necessary documents on working days between 10:30 am and 03:30 pm. The International Veterinary Certificate is delivered between 12:00 pm and 03:30 pm of the following working day. This procedure is valid for those users willing to dispatch up to four (4) dogs and/or cats abroad.

Regarding the complexity and the responsibility assumed by Senasa to certify all required warranties by the Competent Authorities of the different countries to which the animals are destined – this includes for the intervening staff of this National Service controlling different documents, handling multilingual documents, consulting Private Veterinarian Professionals Registries and verifying treatments and identification of drugs and vaccines used – for the case of those users carrying out transactions to obtain five (5) or more International Veterinary Certificates, the term of delivery is may be fixed in forty-eight (48) working hours following the reception of the corresponding documents.

D.- Fees

According to the guidelines on fees of CASenasa Resolution No. 005/1994 the fixed fee payable by the user for each animal amounts to AR\$ 15.84.

E.- Additional Charge for the speedy delivery of the International Veterinary Certificate (on the same day)

As provided for in Decree No. 6610/1956 and its complementaries, users may pay services extraordinarily required by particular cases the following amounts, which shall facilitate the delivery of the International Veterinary Certificate in the same day of its application, within the service hours already mentioned.

The additional amount payable by users for the delivery in the same day for one (1) International Veterinary Certificate is of: AR\$ 36.31 (Urgent)

In the case the user applies for more than one (1) International Veterinary Certificate, the user shall pay on the same concept the amounts arising from the number of certificates requested.

In all cases, the Senasa Treasury staff working in the Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Capital" shall deliver the user an official receipt of the payment.

F.- Requirements for obtaining the International Veterinary Certificate

1- FOR ANIMALS OLDER THAN THREE (3) MONTHS OF AGE

a) To submit an original copy and a photocopy of the Anti-Rage Vaccination Certificate, issued by a Private Veterinary Professional. The original copy of such Certificate shall be returned to the user after the regular controls are carried out. In the case this vaccination was performed outside the country, the corresponding original document must be presented.

b) To submit an original copy of the Health Certificate issued by a Private Veterinary Professional, which shall be valid for TEN (10) days following the date of its issuance up to the exit of the animal of the Country, to be exchanged by the International Veterinary Certificate. The validity granted by Senasa to said International Veterinary Certificate shall be subject to the provisions of the Health Certificate.

For Example: a Health Certificate issued by a Private Veterinary Professional on December 10, 2007, may be exchanged by Senasa by the International Veterinary Certificate which shall be valid for the animal to exit the country up to December 19, 2007.

Said Certificate shall remain in the file of the Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Capital."

c) To complete the information requested by Senasa in a Form that the user may download from the Internet and present it already filled, or that, on the contrary, it shall be delivered at the beginning of the transaction and submission of the documents. Said Form must be submitted in a original signed copy.

d) To submit a photocopy of the Identity Booklet of the person transporting the animal to the destination country or, if the animal travels "not accompanied", a photocopy of the Identity Booklet of the Owner/Responsible for the animal in the Argentine Republic, whose name shall be included in the International Veterinary Certificate.

e) To pay the fees according to items D) and E) of this Procedure.

f) It is not necessary to be carried out by the owner of the animal.

g) Also, the animal concurrence in the Quarantine Premises is not required.

h) It is not a requirement that the animal be identified with a micro-chip or by any other means.

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l) When the user has to travel by air with dogs and/or cats younger than sixty (60) days old, the user must consult it with the air company transporting him on the possibility to carry the animal for reasons of animal welfare provided for in the regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IAT).

H.- Delivery of the International Veterinary Certificate

Once satisfactorily fulfilled all the steps mentioned in this Procedure, Senasa staff of the Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Capital" shall delivery an original copy to the user of the International Veterinary Certificate signed by the Official Veterinary Professional of Senasa.

I.- Further Notes

The International Veterinary Certificate issued by Senasa in the Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Capital" pursuant to the Procedure abovementioned, is printed in numbered forms already printed for such purposes, that only allow the incorporation of information of a sole animal per certificate.

In the same manner, the Health Certificate issued by the Private Veterinary Professional may only contain information on a sole animal.

The requirements detailed in this Procedure for the international certification of dogs and cats arise –among other aspects- from the needs and difficulties encountered in the identification of those responsible for the animals; from problems transmitted by the Competent Authorities of the destination countries and from the guidelines fixed by Senasa that must be complied with when the operations are commercial.

The validity granted by Senasa to the International Veterinary Certificate to accompany and support the dispatch of dogs and cats abroad, according to the provisions of this Procedure, is of ten (10) days following the issuance of the Health Certificate issued by the Private Veterinary Professional.

The Procedure mentioned for obtaining the International Veterinary Certificate is permanently or temporarily valid to accompany and support the dispatch of dogs and cats.

In the case of temporary exits, said certificate shall keep its validity to support the re-entry of the animal to the Argentine Republic for a period of thirty (30) days following the date of its issuance, and must be always accompanied by a Health Certificate issued by a Veterinary Professional empowered from the country in which the animal will temporarily enter, and said Health Certificate must indicate the satisfactory animal health condition and aptitude for travelling.

Whenever this temporary exit is destined to a premises of animal concentration of its same species (for example, international expositions), the abovementioned Health Certificate must also state that in such premises there has not been a record of notifiable diseases.

In the case the dispatch of the animal to the destination country foresees a previous destination or transit through a third country, such circumstance must be mentioned in the corresponding space existing in the Form.

Some countries require a documental intervention of the International Veterinary Certificate issued by Senasa, prior to the exit of the animal from the Country, which must be carried out in the foreign services of said countries in the Argentine Republic or the consular visa of the Argentine Republic. Said intervention is neither a requirement nor the responsibility of Senasa. However, Senasa staff of the Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Capital" have the necessary information to be given to those requiring it.

Those users located in the interior of the country, and to which is complicated and expensive to go to the Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Capital" to carry out the provisions of this Procedure, may consult the possibility of transacting in Senasa Local Offices of their venue.

The necessary conditions and equipment for transporting the animal must be consulted with the Private Veterinary Professional and/or with the staff of the Transport Company.

J.- Terms used in this Procedure

Following, there is a list of terms and their meanings used in this Procedure.

Competent Authorities: the Official Veterinary Services of the destination country of the animal, which are the natural representatives of Senasa to agree and warrant the current requirements in the exchange of dogs and cats.

Health Certificate: copy issued by the Private Veterinary Professional in which he certifies the animal health status of the animal and its aptitude to travel abroad.

Health Certificate: copy issued by an empowered Veterinary Professional in the country of the temporal entry of a dog or a cat coming from the Argentine Republic, which states the satisfactory animal health condition and its aptitude to travel abroad of the animal

International Veterinary Certificate: copy of the certificate issued by an Official Veterinary Professional from Senasa of the Argentine Republic, which states the certifications and warranties fixed by the Competent Authorities. This Certificate must accompany and support the animal up to the intervention of its admission or entry in the destination country.

Anti-Rage Vaccination Certificate: original certification of the application of the vaccine against rage to a dog or a cat, performed by a Private Veterinary Professional in the Forms of obligatory use before the Entity in which his professional title registered.

Dispatch: the intention of a user to transport dogs or cats abroad, by any reason (affective, commercial, etc.) and exiting from the Argentine Republic (by air, water, land).

Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Capital": Senasa branch where the user can go to dispatch a dog or a cat abroad, whose information is mentioned in this Proceeding.

Form: document to be filled by the user to submit it in duplicate to Senasa staff, and in which all the required information must be included and to which the necessary information must be attached.

Official Veterinary Professional: Veterinary Professional from Senasa internationally recognized for the signing of the International Veterinary Certificate.

Private Veterinary Professional: Veterinary Professional with authorization to act registered in the corresponding Entity of his venue, empowered for carrying out the interventions provided for in this Procedure.

Procedure: the operative method established by Senasa pursuant to the guidelines set forth by the respective Competent Authorities to authorize the dispatch of dogs and cats abroad.

User: individuals empowered to perform the transactions before Senasa to obtain the International Veterinary Certificate

K.- Appendixes

As appendixes to this Procedure the proposed model by Senasa of Health Certificate to be fulfilled by the Private Veterinary Professional and the model of the Form to be filled by the user are attached hereto.

As previously stated, in said Health Certificate, the Private Veterinary Professional may only enter the information of one (1) animal. Besides, while the Entities registering the titles of the Veterinary Profession do not print a model of a Health Certificate and distribute it among the registered professionals for its obligatory use, Senasa shall consider valid the submission by the user of the model attached to this Procedure, or of the printed model of the Veterinary Profession Entities for its obligatory use among veterinarians, or that used by the Private Veterinary Professional using his personal prescript booklet / head sheet, including all the required information.

Regarding the model Form, it may be obtained from the Internet by the user to be fulfilled in his domicile and then go to the Quarantine Premises "Lazareto Cuarentenario", thus avoiding unnecessary delays.