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Future new rules for dog and cat import

The rules for import of cats and dogs will be changed on 3 July 2011 and on 1 January 2012. The changes on 3 July 2011 concern only ID-marking. Below you will find a summary description of the changes that apply for animals travelling within the EU and from third countries. More detailed information will be published further on.

Changes applying from 3 July 2011 – ID-marking

- All animals travelling to or within the EU will have to be microchipped. Animals that have been tattooed before 3 July and has a passport or Veterinary Certificate for import where the date of tattooing is stated, are still regarded as identified and may travel. The Board of Agriculture however recommends that all animals are microchipped to avoid unnecessary delays at borders. Please observe that you must use ISO-standard chips to avoid bringing your own scanner.

Changes applying from 1 January 2012 – rabies antibody testing and quarantine

Import from EU member states and listed third countries

- The demand for rabies antibody testing is abolished. This means that you may travel with your animal at the earliest when it is approx. 4 months old (the animal may be vaccinated when at least 3 months old, and may not travel until 21 days after the first vaccination).
- The deworming requirements will change, but the definite rules are not yet finalised.

The basic requirements concerning ID-marking, rabies vaccination, pet passport/veterinary certificate will not change.

Import from non-listed third countries

- The quarantine demand will be replaced by the following demands: ID-marking with microchip + rabies vaccination + blood sampling for rabies antibody testing 30 days after vaccination + a further 90 days wait after the date of blood sampling for antibody testing + veterinary certificate.

- The deworming requirements will change, but the definite rules are not yet finalised.

Please observe that the quarantine system is replaced by rabies vaccination and rabies antibody testing, but that the time of testing is not the same as the one Sweden uses currently for animals from EU and listed third countries. The waiting period between vaccination and blood sampling will now be placed between sampling and travelling instead of before sampling. The veterinary certificate cannot be issued until after the 90 day period has passed and the animal is allowed to travel.

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