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**Report Highlights:**

On March 11, 2020, two new regulations regarding import and quarantine conditions for dogs and cats entered into force in Iceland -- Regulation no. 200/2020 on importation of dogs and cats and Regulation no. 201/2020 on quarantine and quarantine stations for pets. As a result of the new regulations, the quarantine period has been shortened from 28 days to 14 days, and additional requirements have been implemented regarding vaccines, testing, and treatment before importation. A requirement for an official endorsement of certificate of health and origin has also been introduced.

## General

The role of the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority (known as Matvælastofnun or MAST) is to promote the health and welfare of animals, plant health, and the safety and quality of food by enforcing legislation and providing education and services to the fisheries and agricultural sectors, businesses, and consumers.

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MAST has created a website (see <https://www.mast.is/en/import-export/import-of-live-animals>) with information to help individuals better understand the requirements relating to the different categories of approved countries. The website includes the following information:

### Instructions for importing dogs and cats to Iceland

- [Instructions D1: importation of dogs from category 1 countries \(rabies-free countries\)](#)
- [Instructions D2: importation of dogs from category 2 countries \(countries where rabies is well controlled\)](#) – including the United States
- [Instructions C1: importation of cats from category 1 countries \(rabies-free countries\)](#)
- [Instructions C2: importation of cats from category 2 countries \(countries where rabies is well controlled\)](#) – including the United States
- [Guidance for official government veterinarians endorsing certificates of health and origin for import of a dog or a cat to Iceland](#)
  - A Certificate of Health and Origin must be issued by an authorized veterinarian in the country of export 5-10 days prior to importation into Iceland. The certificate is to be endorsed by an official veterinarian on behalf of the competent authority in the country of export. No later than 5 days prior to importation into Iceland a scanned copy of the signed and endorsed certificate and all required laboratory reports must be sent to MAST (the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority) by e-mail ([petimport@mast.is](mailto:petimport@mast.is)) for pre-approval.
- Instructions: importation of deep-frozen dog semen to Iceland (up for renewal at the time of the report's publication)

### Certificate of health and origin for import of dogs and cats

- [Certificate D1 : import of a dog to Iceland from category 1 countries](#)
- [Certificate D2 : import of a dog to Iceland from category 2 countries](#)
- [Certificate C1 : import of a cat to Iceland from category 1 countries](#)
- [Certificate C2 : import of a cat to Iceland from category 2 countries](#)

[List of EU approved laboratories for rabies antibody titre test for dogs and cats \(in EU and non-EU countries\)](#)

### **Import permit applications**

- [Application for an import permit for a dog](#)
- [Application for an import permit for a cat](#)
- [Application for an import permit for a pet rabbit / guinea pig / hamster / gerbil / degu](#)
- Application for an import permit for a cagebird (up for renewal at the time of the report's publication)
- [Application for a transit permit in Keflavik Airport with a service animal](#) (Only for transit in Keflavik Airport)

### **Instructions and Certificates for pets other than dogs and cats**

- [Instructions: importation of pet rabbits and rodents to Iceland](#)
- [Instructions: importation of cagebirds to Iceland](#)
- Certificate of health and origin for import of deep-frozen dog semen to Iceland (up for renewal at the time of the report's publication)
- Certificate of health and origin for import of a rodent / rabbit to Iceland (up for renewal at the time of the report's publication)
- Certificate of health and origin for import of a cagebird to Iceland (up for renewal at the time of the report's publication)
- Certificate of health and origin for import to Iceland of ornamental fish and other aquatic animals living in aquarium (up for renewal at the time of the report's publication)

For inquiries regarding the importation of pets, MAST provides both telephone (+354 530 4800) and e-mail ([petimport@mast.is](mailto:petimport@mast.is)) contact information.

### **Additional Information for U.S. Interested Parties**

U.S. interested parties are also encouraged to review the Iceland-specific information contained on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) website at: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/regionalization/sa\\_by\\_country/sa\\_i/ct\\_animal\\_iceland](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/regionalization/sa_by_country/sa_i/ct_animal_iceland). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the procedures and requirements for exporting animals, you should contact the [VS Field Office](#) covering the area from which the animal will be exported.

### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.