

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

AFRIEDMAN INS-0001387393

Inspection Report

Qatar Airways Cargo 350 5th Ave., Ste 7630 Manhattan, NY 10118 Customer ID: **41666**

Certificate: 21-T-0097

Site: ORD

Qatar Airways Cargo - ORD - Chicago O'Hare International

Airport

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 05-AUG-2025

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Consignments to carriers and intermediate handlers.

Between June 13, 2025, and August 1, 2025, the registrant requested APHIS officials to perform crate seals concomitantly with the animal's acceptance for transport more than 6 hours before the scheduled departure of a flight. APHIS officials performed the crate seals as requested. Prior to these requests, a consignor reported to APHIS that the consignor informed the registrant of a potential noncompliance if crate seals are performed outside the timeframe of Animal Welfare Act regulations.

According to facility representatives, the regularly scheduled flight leaves from O'Hare to New Zealand (QR726) with a connection in Doha, Qatar, and once the crate is sealed, employees are instructed not to open the animal's transport enclosure until the animal reaches its connection in Doha except for in emergency situations. The flight is scheduled to depart at 7:20 PM. The animals affected are as follows:

- ** Six animals (one cat and five dogs) on June 13, 2025: Crate seal scheduled for 11:00 am. Crate seals completed between 11:44-12:16 pm, about 7 to 7.5 hours before the scheduled departure time.
- ** One dog on June 20, 2025: Crate seal scheduled for 11:00am. Crate seal completed at 11:21 AM, about 8 hours before the scheduled departure time.
- ** One dog on August 1, 2025 (Waybill #157-40327431): Crate seal scheduled for 11:00 am. Crate seal completed at 11:45 AM, about 7.5 hours before the scheduled departure time. Per the registrant's check-in form, the animal's check-in was complete by 12:12 PM, about 7 hours before the scheduled departure.

An APHIS official and multiple employees at the facility verbally confirmed the timing of crate seals in conjunction with animal's acceptance for transport approximately seven to eight hours in advance of flight departures.

Accepting an animal more than 6 hours before its scheduled departure time extends their time confined in transport enclosures, which can increase increase risk of adverse health and welfare effects of animal transport.

Carriers must not accept a dog or cat for transport in commerce more than 4 hours before the scheduled departure time of the primary conveyance on which the animal is to be transported. However, a carrier or intermediate handler may agree with anyone consigning a dog or cat to extend this time by up to 2 hours.

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	This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.								
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CountScientific NameCommon Name000002Canis familiarisDOG ADULT000000Felis catusCAT ADULT

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