

## RE: Pets Health Certificate Signee when transiting from Eurotunnel

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From SM-APHA-Pet Travel (APHA) <PetTravel@apha.gov.uk>

To Anthony Tanaka <deanstreet@proton.me>

Date Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 5:04 AM

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Dear Anthony

The authorities your side will have to sign the paperwork for your pet to travel, as they are signing to say you have met the requirements to enter.

Kind Regards

**Abbi Beggs**

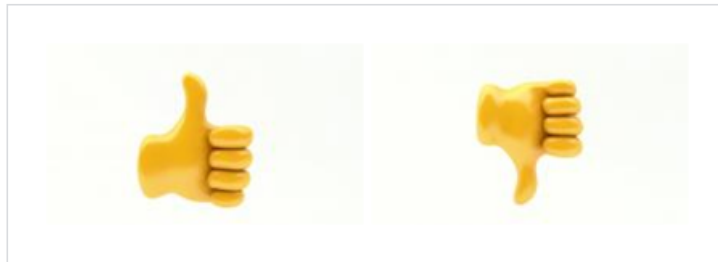
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The UK has long held our rabies-free status which we value highly and wish to protect, therefore we take our biosecurity very seriously.

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Good morning,

Thanks for your quick reply.

Because I will enter the UK with my dog from Japan via the Eurotunnel (30 hours in France), I have prepared all required documents for both EU and UK and have been checked by the Japanese official vet.

The Japanese vet is not sure, and so asked me to confirm with the UK side whether it is the Japan side (initial country of dispatch) that should sign the certificate.

Please kindly confirm. Thank you very much.

Anthony Tanaka

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----- Original Message -----

On Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 4:51 AM, SM-APHA-Pet Travel (APHA) <[PetTravel@apha.gov.uk](mailto:PetTravel@apha.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good morning

Thank you for submitting your query.

Please note that transiting an EU member state will require an additional travel document(s) certified by the EU authorities. For further guidance you should speak to your nominated vet in Japan.

The consignor address on the GB Pet Health Certificate should contain the details of the initial point of travel, which in this case would be the dog's place of residence (permanent or temporary) in Japan.

For further guidance I have included the official APHA guidelines on importing a pet from a Part 2 Listed country for your perusal.

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Pet cats, dogs and ferrets may enter (or return to) Great Britain from [listed non-EU](#) countries without quarantine, by use of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS). In such cases the following procedures must be carried out in the stated order:

- 1). Animal is micro-chipped, then
- 2). It is vaccinated against rabies; *(the pet must be at least 12 weeks old before it can be vaccinated against rabies for the purposes of Pet Travel)* then 21 days from the date of vaccination, the pet should be eligible for entry into GB, provided all other rules of PETS have been met.

**A rabies blood test is not required for pets entering GB from listed non-EU countries.**

If a pet does not have a valid EU pet passport, the document required is a GB pet health certificate. Your vet may need to contact their local authorities' office to obtain the certificate and the required official endorsement. The GB pet health certificate, is used for movements of less than 5 accompanied pets, or more than 5 pets moving for a show/competition. An example of this form can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pet-travel-certificate-for-movement-of-dogs-cats-and-ferrets-from-third-countries>

In addition, pet owners travelling from outside the EU will also need to complete a declaration, confirming that they do not intend to sell or transfer ownership of their pet as a consequence of their movement. This is included in the health certificate.

In addition to the certificate, a certified copy (signed and stamped by the veterinarian) of the following documents are required:-

- Identification of the animal (microchip certificate or letter from vet confirming microchip details)
- Vaccination record

These documents must be attached to the certificate.

**If you have any further queries regarding travel documentation, vaccinations required please discuss this with the vet preparing your pet for travel.**

Dogs only must be treated, by a vet against tapeworms (*Echinococcus multilocularis*) no less than 24hrs and no more than 120hrs before expected arrival into GB, the details of which must be recorded on the pet passport by the vet. For more information please refer to the following link:-  
<https://www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad/tapeworm-treatment-dogs>

The pet must move within 5 days of the owner's movement, or the movement of a person the owner has authorised in writing to be responsible for their pet. If you can't meet this requirement then the pet will have to travel under the rules of

the [commercial trade and import regime](#).

Entry into the GB must be via an authorised **airline** (from any airport, in any country) into GB airports on the airline's existing RMOPs (Required Method of Operation), an approved **ferry company** or **Eurotunnel Shuttle Service**. Please see the web-link below for more information -

<https://www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad/approved-routes>

Pet owners are advised to check all proposed travel arrangements with the carrier (transport company), before booking the trip to the UK as they may have their own additional conditions of travel. These conditions may include a health declaration for the pet.

Currently, most pets travelling to GB by air travel as manifest cargo, unless they are a registered assistance dog entering with an approved airline, on a route that permits them to travel in the cabin. The method of travel with an airline is dependent on the agreement that the carrier has with DEFRA and pet owners should discuss this with their chosen carrier before travelling.

Certain carriers (transport companies) such as Eurostar, are only approved to carry guide/hearing dogs. Full details can be found on the below link –

<https://www.gov.uk/pet-travel-travelling-with-assistance-dogs>

Please be advised that the costs of travelling with a pet under the Pets Travel Scheme (PETS) are entirely a matter between the owner of the pet and the relative parties (vet, transport company, agent) over which Defra has no control. Therefore for information regarding costs you should contact your vet, chosen authorised transport company and the Animal Reception Centre (ARC) at the GB airport of landing (if applicable).

For further information on how to prepare a pet for export to GB under the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS), including listed countries, documentary requirements and approved routes and carriers, please see the link below:

[Bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret to Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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Best regards  
Thomas Innes

Pet Travel.

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Hello,

I am relocating to UK with my pet dog and I have read all official rules and document requirements.

I am travelling from Japan to London, but due to the UK requirement that my dog must be transported by cargo instead of the same flight, I will instead be flying into France from Japan and then within 30 hours enter the UK with my dog by car via the Eurotunnel (Calais to Kent).

I understand that I need an official vet to complete the pets health certificate, which is valid for 10 days. I also see that as stated in Note F of the certificate, the signee should be the **Country of Dispatch**.

My question is, given I am transiting via France instead of directly entering from Japan, can I have the certificate signed by Japan. My personal interpretation is that the signee should be the Japan side because I will enter the UK within 2 days of dispatch from Japan and the certificate is valid for 10 days.

Please kindly confirm. Thank you very much.

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