

Issuance of Import Permit of Live Animal(s), Animal Product(s) and Animal Feed(s)

Overview

This service allows clients to import animals, animal products, animal feeds, Animal/feeds Samples for research purposes etc into the country in order to achieve country wide traceability of the commodities. Animal movement can be for the following purposes; for slaughter, for rearing and translocation. For all permits the client must return the previous permit before renewal or issuance of subsequent permits and the product or animal clear details must be provided as well as the quantity.

Origin country should not have major Notifiable diseases for such livestock e.g. foot and mouth for cattle, Avian Influenza or Newcastle for chicken and African swine fever for pigs.

Who is eligible?

- Registered Livestock Keeper (citizens and non-citizens legally resident in Botswana)
- Unregistered keeper (Diplomats, Tourists, researchers)

How do I get this service?

- Visit the nearest District Veterinary Office with relevant document and complete an application form.
- Email or Call 002673689510/9513 to get help.

What supporting documents are required?

Livestock (Animals)

- Veterinary-health certificate from country of original,
- Relevant test results as per Import permit requirements
- transit permit in case animals passes through other countries
- CITES permit in case of game animals

Livestock products

- Veterinary-health certificate of country of original
- Relevant test results where needed as per import permit requirements
- CITES permit in case of game products

Veterinary Samples

- Veterinary Import permit
- Veterinary Export permit
- CITES permit in case of game products

Livestock Feeds

- Veterinary-health certificate of original country
- Veterinary Import permit
- transit permit in case feeds goes through other countries

- Properly labelled containers/bags in accordance with labelling standards covered by the country regulations and CODEX Standards on Labelling
- NB: Botswana does not allow use of animal protein, antibiotics, anabolic hormones and thyrostatic substances in feeds and it's a requirement that Exporting country should attest to their absence in the feed Imported into Botswana.

Dogs and Cats

- Valid rabies immunisation record (For dogs and cats)
- Kittens and puppies under 3 months old (Proof that the mother (dam) was vaccinated against at least one month but not more than 12 months prior to giving birth)
- Proof that there are no movement restrictions for rabies control in your origin area.
- Submit the pets to the office for inspection before issuance of Export permit

Movement of dogs and cats within SADC region

- Veterinary Movement permit (from exporting country)
- Veterinary Health certificate or Health card,
- Rabies Certificate
- Document must be in English or Setswana

How long will this service take?

One (1) working day

How much does it cost?

Its free.

Where can I get more information on this Service

Department of Veterinary Services

Private Bag 0032

Gaborone

Botswana

Tel. (+267) 3689513/3689510

Fax. (+267) 3972381

Or any nearest District Veterinary Office

Call Centre

Tel. 17755

Email.

Opening hours: 07:30 to 12:45 and 13:45 to 16:30, Monday to Friday except, public holiday s and weekends