



Importation and Exportation of Pets

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1. Dogs, cats and ferrets

If **dogs, cats and ferrets** are transferred from one member state of the EU to another, the pet owner must carry a “**pet passport**” for each pet. This “pet passport” can be provided by any authorised veterinarian within the EU. It must contain all necessary health records such as

- name, type and sex of the pet, incl. date of birth
- photo of the pet (optional)
- the name and address of the pet owner
- all vaccinations, especially a valid vaccination against rabies, including date of vaccination and expiration date
- micro-chip number, date and location of implantation,

Further information regarding the “pet passport” can be found on the following web pages:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/pets>

(for Ireland)

<http://dgk.de/gesundheit/tiergesundheit/eu-heimtierausweis.html>

(for Germany)

Note: Every pet owner is permitted to take a maximum number of five pets on his/her journey and the pet(s) must not be transported for the purpose of selling.



a) Entry from Germany to Ireland

For dogs, cats and ferrets, it is required that:

- the animal is travelling with an EU **pet passport**
- the animal is accompanied by the **pet owner** or another responsible person
- the animal is not moved for **commercial purposes**
- the animal is older than **3 months**
- the pet is **identified** by a microchip (a transponder readable by a device compatible with ISO standard 11785) or a readable tattoo which was made before 03.07.2011
- the animal is **vaccinated** against rabies after the chip implementation
- the animal's identification and vaccination is attested by a veterinarian in its **pet passport**
- the animal has been treated against **Echinococcus multilocularis** (tapeworm) not more than 120 hours (5 days) and not less than 24 hours (1 day) prior to scheduled arrival time in Ireland

If these requirements are not fulfilled, the animal may be retained in quarantine for as long as it is deemed necessary or the animal may be transferred back, both at the owner's cost.

Further information is available under:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/pets/>

Helpline: 1890 504 604

E-mail: pets@agriculture.gov.ie

Dangerous dogs

Dogo Argentinos, Fila Brazileros, Japanese Tosas, Pitbull-Terrier and other dogs which belong to the mentioned dog breeds must not be imported to Ireland.

Note: If you are not sure whether your dog belongs to one of the above mentioned breeds of dangerous dogs, please contact the Irish department of agriculture.



b) Entry from Ireland to Germany

For dogs, cats and ferrets it is required that:

- the animal is travelling with an EU **pet passport**
- the animal is not travelling for **commercial purposes**
- the animal is older than **3 months** (in case of participating in competitions older than **6 months**)
- the animal is accompanied by the **pet owner** or another responsible person
- the animal is **vaccinated** against rabies
- the animal is **identified** by a microchip (a transponder readable by a device compatible with ISO standard 11785) or a readable tattoo which was made before 03.07.2011
- at least 21 days have passed since the rabies vaccination before the entry to Germany, and not more than the period of effect as advised by the vaccine manufacturer has passed since a booster vaccination
- the animal's identification and vaccination is attested by a veterinarian in the **pet passport**

Further information is available on:

http://www.bmel.de/DE/Tier/HausUndZootiere/HausUndZootiere_node.html

or on:

http://www.zoll.de/DE/Privatpersonen/Reisen/Rueckkehr-aus-einem-Nicht-EU-Staat/Einschraenkungen/Tiere-und-Pflanzen/Schutz-Tierseuchen/Regelungen-Heimtiere/regelungen-heimtiere_node.html

Dangerous dogs

According to the federal law on the restriction of the introduction and importation of dangerous dogs, certain breeds as well as cross breeds among them or with other dogs must not be introduced or imported into Germany. This applies to the breeds of **Pitbull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier** and **Bull Terrier**.

Furthermore, the 16 German federal states have passed their own individual regulations on which breeds are considered dangerous.

The following breeds are usually prohibited from being brought into particular federal states: **Alano, American Bulldog, Bullmastiff, Cane Corso, Dogo Argentino, Dogue de Bordeaux, Fila Brasileiro, Mastiff, Mastin Espanol, Mastino Napoletano, Pittbull Bandog, Perro de presa Canario, Perro de presa Mallorcin, Rhodesian ridgeback** and **Tosa Inu**.

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In case of doubt, you should check prior to travelling about the classification of breeds considered dangerous with the competent public affairs office (“Ordnungsamt”), as the above mentioned list is not final.

Exceptions from the introduction and importation ban:

To avoid difficulties in passenger traffic, exceptions from the importation and introduction ban shall be allowed until a statutory order will be issued. According to this, the importation or introduction prohibition does not apply to

- dangerous dogs travelling with visitors who only temporarily stay in the Federal Republic of Germany **for up to four weeks** (this especially applies to tourists)
- dangerous dogs of the stock currently existing in Germany and **re-imported/re-introduced** from abroad
- **police dogs and dogs accompanying disabled**

provided that the dog keeper can submit the documents required for the verification of the pets (e.g. certificate of descent/origin, vaccination certificate, certificate of the personality test, other certificates issued by the competent public affairs office).

2. Pet birds

a) Entry to Germany

According to paragraph 38 of the Animal Disease Control Act, up to three birds which are not intended for sale to third parties may be imported when travelling or when moving residence. Parrots and parakeets must be accompanied by a special veterinary animal health certificate.

b) Entry to Ireland

The birds must be accompanied by the owner or his/her representative on their travels and an Owner Declaration for Pet birds. A Form of Advance Notice of Import (<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/pets/importintoirelandofpetbirds/formsofadvancenoticeandaccompanyingdeclaration/>) must be sent at least 24 hrs in advance of arrival of consignment in Ireland to:

Animal Health and Welfare Division

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Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Kildare Street
Dublin 2, Ireland.

3. Hamsters, guinea pigs and rabbits

a) Entry to Germany

Up to 3 rabbits may be taken to Germany for non-commercial purposes. For more than 3 animals, the regulations for commercial trade apply.

No particular regulations apply to hamsters and guinea pigs that enter Germany accompanied by their owners.

b) Entry to Ireland

The pets must be accompanied on their travels by the owner or his/her representative and a Form (<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/pets/importintoirelandofpetbirds/formsofadvancenoticeandaccompanying-declaration/>) of Advance Notice of Import must be sent at least 24 hrs in advance of arrival of consignment in Ireland to:

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For further enquiries concerning the import or export of pets, please contact the competent national authority directly

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Tel: 00353-1-607 2000
E-Mail: pets@agriculture.gov.ie
www.agriculture.gov.ie

In Germany:

Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft
11055 Berlin
Tel: 030 / 18529 - 0
E-Mail: poststelle@bmel.bund.de
www.bmel.de

4. Pet passport

Bringing a pet to another EU member state, the pet must be accompanied by a **pet passport**, which demonstrates that the animal is currently immunized against rabies.

It must be possible to clearly assign this pet passport to the respective animal, i.e. it must be possible to identify the animal by tattoo or microchip and the identification number must be entered in the passport.

A draft of a pet passport issued by a EU member state can be found in Annex III Part 1 of the implementing Regulation no. 577/2013/EU.

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