

## **Intra-Community movement of pet dogs, cats and ferrets when travelling (These conditions do NOT apply to animal welfare organisations, here the trade regulations must be complied with) as of 29 December 2004**

### **Scope**

These conditions, based upon Regulation (EU) No. 576/2013, apply to the Member states of the European Union and the EEA (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden), as well as Northern Ireland and Switzerland.

### **Pet animals**

Pet animals are defined as dogs, cats, ferrets, invertebrates (except bees, bumble bees, molluscs and crustaceans), ornamental aquatic animals, amphibia, reptiles, birds (except fowl, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks, geese, quails, pigeons, pheasants, partridges and ratites (Ratitae) as well as rodents and rabbits (not intended for food production) which are accompanying their owners or a natural person responsible for such animals on behalf of the owner during their movement (written authorisation by the owner) and **are not intended to be sold or transferred to another owner**.

The conditions for other pets than dogs, cats and ferrets can be found at the following link: <https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Topics/Health/Information-for-travellers/Movement-of-other-pets-between-Member-states-of-the-EU,-the-EEA-and-Switzerland0.html>

### **Dogs, cats, ferrets**

Since 3 July 2004, a pet pass (Heimtierausweis) can be issued by any self-employed veterinarian in Austria for dogs, cats and ferrets to be moved between Member states of the European Union when travelling.

A **maximum number of five** animals per person may be transported.

### **Identification**

Each animal has to be identified by either a clearly readable tattoo or a microchip. After 3 July 2011 animals may be identified only by microchip. Tattoos applied before 3 July 2011 remain valid as long as they are clearly readable.

### **Passport**

Each animal has to be accompanied by a passport issued by a veterinarian authorised by the competent authority certifying valid anti-rabies vaccination, or re-vaccination if applicable, of the animal concerned.

EU pet passports issued before 29.12.2014 remain valid. (Please note: This applies to pet passports issued in the United Kingdom only in the case of Northern Ireland).

## **Valid anti-rabies vaccination**

Only dogs, cats and ferrets with a valid anti-rabies vaccination may be moved to Austria. The minimum age at which animals may get their anti-rabies vaccination has been laid down as 12 weeks.

Basically anti-rabies vaccination is deemed valid if, among others, the condition has been fulfilled requiring that the date of vaccination must not be earlier than the date of microchip implantation as entered into the pet pass or animal health certificate. However, for animals bearing a clearly readable tattoo, which has been applied before 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011, this tattoo is recognised as identification.

Anti-rabies vaccination is deemed valid 21 days after finishing the basic vaccination procedure, if

- the animal has been vaccinated with an inactivated vaccine or recombinant vaccine against rabies in accordance with the marketing authorisation of the vaccine in the country of origin;
- the vaccine meets the required standards (Chapter 2.1.13 of the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals) of the World Organisation for Animal Health;
- the animal has been re-vaccinated at regular intervals.

## **Member states with additional requirements**

We recommend inquiring for information before moving dogs, cats or ferrets to Ireland, Malta, Sweden, and Finland as well as to Northern Ireland or Norway at the respective websites.

**For information regarding obligatory muzzles or leads for dogs, or entry of specific dog breeds please contact the locally competent district administrative authority/magistrate (official veterinarian) directly, as these requirements may differ.**

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