

## II. ENTRY INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS FROM EU MEMBER COUNTRIES

Animals originating from an [EU country](#) and accompanied by the relative validated documents which fulfill the provisions set below; can enter into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus without the inspection fees or being subjected to quarantine period or the need of an import permit:

### **1. IDENTIFICATION:**

- a) Have easily clearly readable tattoo or
- b) Have an electronic microchip incorporated into their body for verifying animal's identity. The information which would facilitate the verification of the owner's name, surname and address should also be attainable apart from identity's verification.

In order for the microchip to be easily detected/read and compatible with the radio detective devices which the Veterinary Services own, the microchip should a) have been manufactured in accordance with the provisions set by the International Quality standard [ISO 11784:1996](#) or b) comply with [Annex A of ISO 11785:1996](#).

In case the incorporated microchip does not comply with the aforementioned specifications of the International Quality standard ISO 11784:1996 or annex A of ISO 11785:1996 and is not readable by the radio detective devices which the Veterinary Services use, the owner or the natural person responsible for the pet animal on behalf of the owner must provide the necessary means for reading the microchip at the time of inspection.

The incorporation of the microchip should be proved that it has been calendary done prior one at least vaccination against rabies.

For a period of 8 years and until October 01, 2012, both methods of identification are accepted. After the end of this transition period, only the method referred in paragraph II, subparagraph 1, element b, would be accepted as identification method.

### **2. ROUTE:**

They have arrived in Cyprus directly from an [EU member country](#).

### **3. ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:**

Are accompanied by:

- A) [European Passport \(Decision 2003/803/EK\)](#): issued by an **authorized, by the competent authority, veterinarian\*** substantiating that the animal is under a valid vaccination or re-vaccination against [Rabies](#) the vaccination administered **at the age of not less than 3 months**. The vaccination should have been done using an inactivated [Rabies strain manufactured according to the OIE standards](#). Rabies vaccination or revaccination should have taken place at least one (1) month prior departure for arriving in Cyprus administered according to vaccine's manufacturer instructions using, at least, one unit of inactivated antigen per dose (OIE standard).
- B) **The entry of animals aged less than 3 months old IS NOT ALLOWED no matter the country of origin.**
- C) Documents verifying that the animal has arrived into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus from one of EU member countries.

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NOTE: \* Authorized Veterinary Surgeon is any Veterinarian private practicing the Veterinary Medicine and whom the Director of Veterinary Services has officially assigned in written to do certain veterinary checks.

- D) The records concerning vaccinations have been checked and proved to fulfill the Provisions set forth.
- E) The verification that the above provisions are fulfilled will be done by inspecting each animal's Pet Passport upon arrival. Either the Veterinary Officers or the Customs Officers on duty will do the Passport inspection.  
As long as the above provisions are fulfilled the companion animals enter Cyprus [without having to pay any inspection fees](#).  
In case the provisions are not in, any way fulfilled, the customs officer calls upon the Veterinary Officer on duty to take over the animal inspection.  
The companion animal/Is will then be subjected to quarantine and enters Cyprus after paying the legal inspection and quarantine fees provided by the laws in force plus VAT.

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