



Bringing your pet to the United Kingdom from outside the European Community

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This form is for you to declare your pet to Customs and to claim any duty and VAT free reliefs that may apply when you return to or transfer your normal home to the EC. Please complete all sections below and overleaf. The reliefs and some of the terms used on this form are explained in Customs Notice 3 "Bringing your belongings and Private Motor Vehicle into the United Kingdom from outside the European Community".

If you are a temporary visitor, you will need to declare your pet on Form C108 instead of this form. You may also need to read our Notice 200 "Temporary Importations".

If you want copies of these notices, or more information, ask our National Advice Service
(Tel: 0845 010 9000 or +44 208 929 0152 for international callers).

This form, C108 and the Notices mentioned are also available on our Internet website <http://www.hmce.gov.uk>.

You **must** declare your other unaccompanied personal belongings on Form C3 (if permanently imported) or C108 (if temporarily imported).

Information about animal disease and conservation controls:

Rabies controls

You can only bring into the UK cats and dogs (from countries not covered by the Pet Travel Scheme), rabbits, mice, rats, gerbils, jerboas and most other rabies susceptible animals if you:

- have previously been issued with a British import licence, and
- have made arrangements for the animal to undergo 6 months quarantine.

You may bring in cats and dogs from a limited number of countries without the need to undergo a period of quarantine, if they can comply with the terms of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS).

Other health controls

You will need specific import licences for all pet birds. (*Pet Birds are defined as birds NOT kept for trade and which have lived with their owners for at least 2 months prior to export. Maximum numbers that may be imported are 2 birds per person or 6 per family. Birds can be imported as pets only if they are accompanied on the journey by their owners.*)

You may need specific import licences for more unusual pets, such as goats, sheep and pigs.

You do not require import licences for horses and other equines. Horses may only be imported from certain non-EC countries. Where imports are allowed, you must obtain health certification from the veterinary authorities of the exporting country.

Goldfish or other freshwater fish.

Conservation controls

You will need import licences for many species of mammals, birds, reptiles (including snakes, lizards and tortoises) and amphibians (such as frogs). Also a limited range of fish, invertebrates, butterflies, scorpions and spiders.

You can get further details from:

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
PETS and Quarantine Branch
Animal Identification and International Trade Division, Area 211, 1A Page Street
LONDON SW1 4PQ
Tel: 0207 904 6222
Fax: 0207 904 6834
E-mail: quarantine@defra.gov.uk
PETS Helpline Tel: 0870 241 1710

DEFRA Import/Export of Birds Section
Area 402
1A Page Street
LONDON SW1 4PQ
Tel: 0207 904 6356

DEFRA Livestock Imports
(excluding equines), Area 409
1A Page Street
LONDON SW1 4PQ
Tel: 0207 904 6435

DEFRA Equine Section, Area 401
1A Page Street
LONDON SW1 4PQ
Tel: 0207 904 6331

DEFRA Fisheries Section 2
Nobel House
17 Smith Square
LONDON SW1P 3HX
Tel: 0207 238 5944

DEFRA Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service, Zone 1/17J,
Temple Quay House, 2 The Square
BRISTOL BS1 6EB
Tel: 0117 372 8168/8691
Fax: 0117 372 8206
E-mail: wildlife.licensing@defra.gov.uk

RABIES

A pet is tame, but rabies is a killer ! Don't even think of smuggling an animal into the UK - it could be carrying rabies. The penalties are very severe because the consequences could be disastrous.

Personal details

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Surname

Forename(s)

Date of your arrival in the UK
day month year

Request to clear

When your pet arrives in the UK you, or your agent, should complete this part.

Ship's name or aircraft flight number

Bill of lading or airway bill number

Place of loading abroad

Container number(s)

Place of import

Date of import

Place for examination

I request clearance of the pet described overleaf.

Signature (importer or agent)

Date

Duty and VAT relief details

At the time of coming to the UK:

1. Are you moving your normal home to the EC†?

(See definition of "normal home" in Customs Notice 3 and note that it is not necessarily the country in which you were born or hold citizenship).

Please ☒ tick the appropriate box and answer all questions unless directed otherwise. Then complete "Details of pet".

No ☐ go to question 2

Yes ☐ (a) from which country?

(b) how long have you lived there?

now go to "Details of pet"

2. Are you a returning after a temporary visit outside the EC†?

† EC is the European Community: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Irish Republic, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK. Although they have close links with the EC, the following are regarded as outside the EC for VAT purposes: the Åland Islands, Andorra, the Canary Islands, the Channel Islands, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mount Athos, Reunion and Turkey.

No ☐

Yes ☐ (a) how long was the visit?

(b) in which country?

Details of pet

Description	Country where, and date when, obtained	State if bought duty/tax free	Price paid or	*Present value	UK import licence number

Notes: * Cost of buying another pet of the same breed, age and condition.

If you have recently obtained your pet, attach the purchase invoice or other evidence of its value.

Charges will be due if not eligible for relief.

Warning

Imports are examined by Customs and there are heavy penalties for making false declarations including possible forfeiture of your pet.

Declaration

I declare that:

- I have read the notes on this form.
- This form and the packing details include all the information required.
- All the answers given on this form are true and complete.

This must be signed by the importer of the pet and NOT by an agent.

Signature Date

Address in the UK

What to do next

When you have completed this form, send it with the packing details, relevant invoice and licence to the **agent, airline or shipping company** that is clearing your pet through UK Customs. Faxed copies will be acceptable for Customs purposes if it is difficult to get the originals to your agent.

Data Protection Act 1998

HM Customs and Excise collects information in order to administer the taxes for which it is responsible (such as VAT, insurance premium tax, excise duties, air passenger duty, landfill tax, climate change levy), and for detecting and preventing crime.

Where the law permits we may also get information about you from third parties, or give information to them, for example in order to check its accuracy, prevent or detect crime or protect public funds in other ways. These third parties may include the police, other government departments and agencies.