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<b>BHARAT SARKAR</b>		

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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 01/2023****Sub: Revised procedure for Import of Pets/Live Animals-reg.**

Kind attention is invited to CBIC Circular No. 35/2020 Customs dated 10.8.2020 issued vide F.No.401/21/2020-Cus.III and Office Memorandum dated 15.07.2020 issued vide F. No. L-110110/26/2019-Trade(E-14194) by Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) prescribing procedure for import of Live Animals in general and also for import of pets (only Dogs and Cats) as Baggage/Personal imports by Passengers.

2. In view of increased number of passengers carrying pets, the following procedure as detailed in Board's Circular No. 35/2020 Customs dated 10.8.2020 in various scenarios such as import of pets (dogs/cats) by passengers under Transfer of Residence under Baggage Rules 2016, Re-import of pets (dogs/cats) by the passengers and pets (dogs/cats) brought by the passengers for short stay should be strictly followed by all Passengers/Carriers/Airlines to ensure smoother and quicker clearance.

Sl. No.	Scenario	Procedure to be adopted before arrival
1	Maximum of 2 Pets (only dog and cat) brought with passengers eligible and availing Transfer of Residence after 2 years stay abroad	1. Passenger to ensure eligibility about transfer of residence under Baggage Rules, 2016. 2. Passenger to obtain Veterinary Health Certificate from Country of Export. 3. Passenger to apply for advance No Objection Certificate (NOC) to Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) and obtain the same. 4. Airline will not lift the live animals until advance No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Animal

		Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) is obtained by the passenger.
2	Re-Import of pets by passengers	<p>1. Passenger to ensure that he possesses copy of earlier Veterinary Health Certificate for export issued by Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) India.</p> <p>2. Passenger to obtain veterinary Health Certificate from Country of Export.</p> <p>3. . Passenger to apply for advance No Objection Certificate (NOC) to Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) and obtain the same.</p> <p>4. Airline will not lift the live animals until advance No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) is obtained by the passenger.</p>
3	<p>All cases other than those mentioned at Sl. 1 &amp; 2 above including:</p> <p>i. Pets brought by the passengers for short stay.</p> <p>ii. Import of Commercial Dogs for Commercial purpose (For R&amp;D) purpose with recommendation of Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA)/ Security purpose).</p>	<p>1. Importer to obtain Veterinary Health Certificate from Country of Export .</p> <p>2. Importer to obtain Import License from Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).</p> <p>3. Passenger to apply for advance No Objection Certificate (NOC) to Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) and obtain the same.</p> <p>4. Airline will not lift the live animals until advance No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) is obtained by the passenger.</p>

3 All Airlines and carriers are directed not to take on Board any Passenger carrying Pets (Cat/Dog) without the requisite documents as per the given scenarios mentioned at Para 2 .

4. Further, register incorporating all the above details in the format at Annexure-A should be mandatorily made and maintained in Passenger Clearance Groups (PCG) batches ..

5. This Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the concerned officers and staff of Customs, CSMI Airport.

6. All Airlines and Airlines Associations are required to take note of the above necessary compliance. Violation of conditions prescribed for import of pets stipulated in

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the Circular 35/2020 Customs will make passenger and the airlines liable for penal action under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs, CSMI Airport, Mumbai.

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(Nancy Desai)  
Additional Commissioner of Customs  
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Encl: Annexure -A

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1. All PCG Batches
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3. AIU Admn.
4. Airport Admn. (General)
5. Vigilance Section
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