

Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on the non-commercial movement of pet animals and repealing Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER V

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

SECTION 1

*Identification documents for the non-commercial movement into a Member State from another Member State of pet animals of the species listed in Part A of Annex I*

*Article 21*

**Format and content of the identification document referred to in point (d) of Article 6**

1 The identification document referred to in point (d) of Article 6 shall be in the format of a passport in accordance with the model to be adopted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article and shall contain entries for the insertion of the following information:

- a the location of the transponder or the tattoo and either the date of application or the date of reading of the transponder or the tattoo, as well as the alphanumeric code displayed by the transponder or the tattoo;
- b the name, species, breed, sex, colour, date of birth as stated by the owner and any notable or discernable features or characteristics of the pet animal;
- c the name and contact information of the owner;
- d the name, contact information and signature of the authorised veterinarian issuing or completing the identification document;
- e the signature of the owner;
- f details of the anti-rabies vaccination;
- g the date of blood sampling for the rabies antibody titration test;
- h compliance with any preventive health measures for diseases or infections other than rabies;
- i other relevant information regarding the health status of the pet animal.

2 The Commission shall adopt an implementing act laying down the model referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article as well as requirements concerning the languages, layout and security features of the passport referred to in that paragraph, and the rules necessary for the transition to the model of that passport. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).

3 The passport referred to in paragraph 1 shall bear a number consisting of the ISO code of the Member State of issue, followed by a unique alphanumeric code.

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## Article 22

### Issuing and completing the identification document referred to in point (d) of Article 6

1 The identification document referred to in point (d) of Article 6 shall be issued by an authorised veterinarian after:

- a he has verified that the pet animal is marked in accordance with Article 17(1);
- b he has duly completed the relevant entries in the identification document with the information mentioned in points (a) to (d) of Article 21(1); and
- c the owner has signed the identification document.

2 After verifying that the pet animal is marked in accordance with Article 17(1), an authorised veterinarian shall complete the relevant entries of the identification document with the information referred to in points (d), (f), (g) and (h) of Article 21(1), thus certifying compliance with the conditions set out in points (b) and (c) of Article 6 and, where applicable, in point (b)(ii) of Article 27.

Notwithstanding the first subparagraph, the entry on the information referred to in point (h) of Article 21(1) may be completed by a veterinarian other than an authorised veterinarian if so permitted by the delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 19(1).

3 The authorised veterinarian issuing the identification document shall keep records of the information referred to in points (a) to (c) of Article 21(1) and in Article 21(3) for a minimum period to be determined by the competent authority, but which shall not be less than three years.

4 Where necessary, compliance with the conditions referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article may be documented in more than one identification document in the format provided for in Article 21(1).

## Article 23

### Distribution of blank identification documents

1 Competent authorities shall ensure that blank identification documents are distributed only to authorised veterinarians and that their name and contact information are recorded with reference to the number referred to in Article 21(3).

2 The records referred to in paragraph 1 shall be kept for a minimum period to be determined by the competent authority, but which shall not be less than three years.

## Article 24

### Derogation from the format of the identification document provided for in Article 21(1)

1 By way of derogation from Article 21(1), Member States shall authorise the non-commercial movement into a Member State from another Member State of pet animals of the species listed in part A of Annex I accompanied by the identification document issued in accordance with Article 26.

2 Where necessary, compliance with the requirements referred to in point (c) of Article 6 shall be documented in the identification document referred to in paragraph 1, after completion of the checks provided for in Article 34(1).

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## SECTION 2

### **Identification documents for the non-commercial movement into a Member State from a territory or a third country of pet animals of the species listed in Part A of Annex I**

#### Article 25

##### **Format and content of the identification document referred to in point (e) of Article 10(1)**

1 The identification document referred to in point (e) of Article 10(1) shall be in the format of an animal health certificate in accordance with the model to be adopted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article and shall contain entries for the insertion of the following information:

- a the location of the transponder or the tattoo and either the date of application or the date of reading of the transponder or the tattoo, as well as the alphanumeric code displayed by the transponder or the tattoo;
- b the species, breed, date of birth as stated by the owner, sex and colour of the pet animal;
- c a unique certificate reference number;
- d the name and contact information of the owner or the authorised person;
- e the name, contact information and signature of the official or authorised veterinarian issuing the identification document;
- f details of the anti-rabies vaccination;
- g the date of blood sampling for the rabies antibody titration test;
- h compliance with any preventive health measures for diseases or infections other than rabies;
- i the name and the signature of the representative of the endorsing competent authority;
- j the name, signature and contact information of the representative of the competent authority carrying out the checks referred to in Article 34 and the date of these checks;
- k other relevant information regarding the health status of the pet animal.

2 The Commission shall adopt an implementing act laying down the model referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article as well as requirements concerning the languages, the layout and the validity of the animal health certificate referred to in that paragraph. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).

3 A written declaration signed by the owner or the authorised person confirming that the movement of the pet animal into the Union is a non-commercial movement shall be part of the identification document referred to in point (e) of Article 10(1).

#### Article 26

##### **Issuing and completing the identification document referred to in point (e) of Article 10(1)**

The identification document referred to in point (e) of Article 10(1) shall be issued either by an official veterinarian of the territory or third country of dispatch on the basis of supporting documentation, or by an authorised veterinarian and subsequently endorsed by the competent authority of the territory or third country of dispatch, after the issuing veterinarian:

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- (a) has verified that the pet animal is marked in accordance with Article 17(1); and
- (b) has duly completed the relevant entries of the identification document with the information referred to in points (a) to (h) of Article 25(1), thus certifying compliance with the conditions set out in point (a) of Article 10(1), and where applicable points (b), (c) and (d) of Article 10(1).

#### *Article 27*

#### **Derogation from the format of the identification document provided for in Article 25(1)**

By way of derogation from Article 25(1), Member States shall authorise the non-commercial movement into their territory of pet animals of the species listed in Part A of Annex I accompanied by the identification document issued in accordance with Article 22 where:

- (a) the identification document has been issued in one of the territories or third countries listed pursuant to Article 13(1); or
- (b) such pet animals enter a Member State, after movement to or transit through a territory or a third country from a Member State, and the identification document was completed and issued by an authorised veterinarian certifying that, before leaving the Union, the pet animals:
  - (i) received the anti-rabies vaccination provided for in point (b) of Article 10(1); and
  - (ii) underwent the rabies antibody titration test provided for in point (c) of Article 10(1), except in the case of the derogation provided for in Article 12.

#### *SECTION 3*

#### ***Identification documents for the non-commercial movement into a Member State from another Member State of pet animals of the species listed in Part B of Annex I***

#### *Article 28*

#### **Format and content of the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 9(2)**

1 The Commission may, by means of an implementing act, adopt a model of the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 9(2) which shall contain entries for the insertion of the following information:

- a the characteristics of the mark or the description of the pet animal as provided for in Article 17(2);
- b the species and, where relevant, the breed, the date of birth as stated by the owner, sex and colour of the pet animal;
- c the name and contact information of the owner;
- d the name, contact information and signature of the authorised veterinarian issuing or completing the identification document;
- e the signature of the owner;
- f details of any preventive health measures for diseases or infections other than rabies;

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g other relevant information regarding the health status of the pet animal.

2 The implementing act referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also lay down requirements concerning the languages, layout, validity or security features of the identification document referred to in that paragraph. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).

#### *Article 29*

### **Issuing and completing the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 9(2)**

1 The identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 9(2) shall be issued by an authorised veterinarian after:

- a he has verified that the pet animal is marked or described in accordance with Article 17(2);
- b he has duly completed the relevant entries with the information referred to in points (a) to (d) of Article 28(1); and
- c the owner has signed the identification document.

2 After verifying that the pet animal is marked or described in accordance with Article 17(2), an authorised veterinarian shall complete the relevant entries of the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 9(2) with the information referred to in points (d) and (f) of Article 28(1), thus certifying compliance with the conditions set out in point (b) of Article 9(2), where applicable.

#### *SECTION 4*

### ***Identification documents for the non-commercial movement into a Member State from a territory or a third country of pet animals of the species listed in Part B of Annex I***

#### *Article 30*

### **Format and content of the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 14(2)**

1 The Commission may, by means of an implementing act, adopt a model of the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 14(2) which shall contain entries for the insertion of the following information:

- a the characteristics of the mark or the description of the pet animal as provided for in Article 17(2);
- b the species and, where relevant, the breed, date of birth as stated by the owner, sex and colour of the pet animal;
- c the name and contact information of the owner or the authorised person;
- d the name, contact information and signature of the issuing official or authorised veterinarian;
- e a unique certificate reference number;
- f details of any preventive health measures for diseases or infections other than rabies;
- g the name and the signature of the representative of the endorsing competent authority;

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- h the name, signature and contact information of the representative of the competent authority carrying out the checks referred to in Article 34 and the date of these checks;
- i other relevant information regarding the health status of the pet animal.

2 The implementing act referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also lay down requirements concerning the languages, layout and validity of the identification document referred to in that paragraph. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 41(2).

3 A written declaration signed by the owner or the authorised person confirming that the movement of the pet animal into the Union is a non-commercial movement shall be part of the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 14(2).

### *Article 31*

#### **Issuing and completing the identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 14(2)**

The identification document referred to in point (c) of Article 14(2) shall be issued either by an official veterinarian of the territory or third country of dispatch on the basis of supporting documentation, or by an authorised veterinarian and subsequently endorsed by the competent authority of the territory or third country of dispatch after the issuing veterinarian:

- (a) has verified that the pet animal is marked or described in accordance with Article 17(2); and
- (b) has duly completed the relevant entries of the identification document with the information referred to in points (a) to (f) of Article 30(1), thus certifying compliance with the conditions set out in points (a) and (b) of Article 14(2) where applicable.

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