

SCHEDULE

Article 2(13)

“SCHEDULE 6

Articles 6(1) and (5), 7(6) and 7A

RABIES-FREE ISLANDS

Extension to rabies-free islands

1. In addition to the provisions of this Order relating to animals coming from countries or territories in Part I of Schedule 2, pet cats and pet dogs may be brought in from the following countries or territories if the conditions of this Schedule are complied with—

Antigua and Barbuda	Guadeloupe	New Caledonia
Ascension Island	Hawaii	New Zealand
Australia	Jamaica	St Helena
Barbados	Japan	St Kitts and Nevis
Bermuda	La Réunion	St Vincent
Cayman Islands	Martinique	Singapore
Falkland Islands	Mauritius	Vanuatu
Fiji	Mayotte	Wallis and Fortuna
French Polynesia	Montserrat	

A cat which was resident in Australia before departure must at no time have been on a holding where Hendra virus has been confirmed during the 60 days prior to departure. It must be accompanied by a certificate issued by the Australian Veterinary Authorities confirming this. Cats which pass through Australia on the way to England do not need this certificate provided they do not leave the perimeter of the airport while in Australia.

Identification

2.—(1) The animal shall be identified by means of a microchip implanted into its body.

(2) If the carrier does not have a reader capable of reading the microchip, the person bringing the animal into England shall provide a reader for the microchip at the time the carrier checks the identity of the animal.

Health status

3.—(1) The animal shall be vaccinated against rabies as specified in article 6(1), and a blood sample from the animal tested in accordance with article 6(2).

(2) The animal shall be treated against ticks and tapeworm in the country of export as specified in article 6(4), except that the treatment for ticks must contain fipronil as the active ingredient.

(3) The animal shall not have been outside the countries or territories in Part I of Schedule 2 or Schedule 6 in the six months prior to departure.

Documentation

4.—(1) The animal must be accompanied by—

(a) a certificate relating to rabies vaccination as specified in article 7, except that the certificate may be signed either by an official veterinary surgeon of one of the countries or territories

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in Part I of Schedule 2 or by an official veterinary surgeon of one of the countries or territories in this Schedule;

- (b) a certificate relating to treatment against *Echinococcus multilocularis* and ticks as specified in article 7; and
- (c) a declaration of where the animal has been in the previous six months as specified in article 7(5).

(2) The person importing the animal must make a written declaration that the animal has not been outside the countries or territories in Part I of Schedule 2 or Schedule 6 in the six months prior to departure.

Means of transport

5. An animal must be transported to England by air (except an animal from Ascension Island, the Falkland Islands or St Helena, which may be transported by sea) by a carrier approved under article 8 from one of the countries or territories in this Schedule.

Seals

6.—(1) Before transport to England, the container in which the animal is transported shall be sealed by an official authorised by the competent authority of the exporting country with the official seal of that authority. The construction of the cage and the location of the seal shall be such that the cage cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The official applying the seal shall write the number of the seal on the health certificate relating to treatment for *Echinococcus multilocularis* and ticks, sign it and stamp it with the official stamp of the competent authority.

(2) If, during transport, the official seal is broken, it must be replaced by an official authorised by the competent authority of the country or territory in which the seal is broken with the official seal of that authority, who must certify in writing that, between the time that the original seal was broken and the replacement applied, the animal did not come into contact with any other animals.

Arrival in England by air

7.—(1) On arrival in England, the carrier shall examine the seal on the animal's container.

(2) If the seal is unbroken (or the container has been re-sealed under paragraph 6(2) and there is a certificate to that effect in accordance with that paragraph accompanying the animal) and its number corresponds to the number of the seal entered on the certificate, the carrier shall check the microchip and the documentation required under paragraph 2 of this Schedule in the manner specified in article 9(1) (and, in the case of a cat from Australia, the certificate relating to the Hendra virus required under paragraph 1 of this Schedule), and shall comply with the provisions of article 9(4) and 9(5)(a).

(3) If the seal is missing or is broken (other than in the circumstances in paragraph 6(2) of this Schedule) or if the number on the seal does not correspond to the number of the seal entered on the certificate, the carrier shall ensure that the animal is taken into quarantine in accordance with article 9(4)(b); but if the Minister is satisfied, after the animal has been taken into quarantine, that the animal was not exposed to risk of infection of rabies during its journey, he may subsequently release the animal from quarantine.

Arrival in England by sea

8. If an animal is brought in by sea from Ascension Island, the Falkland Islands or St Helena the carrier shall check the microchip and the documentation required by paragraph 2 of this Schedule in the manner specified in article 9(1). If the carrier is satisfied that the documentation is correct and that, throughout the voyage, the animal has had no contact with any other animal, and has not been

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put ashore at any point, it shall release the animal to its owner or his representative. Otherwise the carrier shall ensure that the animal is taken into quarantine in accordance with article 9(4)(b).”

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