



## CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF LEMUR CATTA

- (1) Permission for landing will only be granted if the animal(s) is/are accompanied by an **animal health certificate** issued by the **veterinary authority** in the country and required import and export CITES Certificate issued by the competent authority: The **export health certificate** must show:
  - (a) Proper identification of the animal(s).
  - (b) That the animal(s) is/are healthy and free from symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases including the Herpes Virus Group, Tuberculosis, Yellow Fever, and West Nile Virus.
  - (c) Animal(s) are treated for internal and external parasites.
  - (d) **The animal(s) has/have been vaccinated against Yellow Fever twenty-one (21) days before export, and have passed negative to an intradermal tuberculin test with internationally approved antigens within thirty (30) days before export; ninety (90) days tests they should be renewed (tests only valid for ninety (90) days from date of initial testing).**
  - (e) That the animal(s) have been in the country of origin/export for at least six (6) months immediately preceding importation into the Territory.
- (2) The animal(s) must be found clinically healthy on arrival, and be accompanied by CITES Certificate where applicable.
- (3) The Veterinary Division **must be given at least 24 hours notice** of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and the port of entry. This will facilitate no unnecessary delays and avoid detention of animal(s) for veterinary clearance at the port of entry.
- (4) **All required conditions must be met and all documents (import permit, health certificate, vaccination certificate, lab test reports, etc.) are to be presented at the port of disembarkation to facilitate veterinary clearance and to avoid the otherwise unpleasant but necessary measures such as animal(s) being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia. Therefore, the granting of permits for the animal(s) to be presented for inspection to enter the Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry.**
- (5) Upon submission of the application, the specified fee schedule will be applied.
- (6) **All animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry. Failure to do so can cause entry of animal(s) being denied.**
- (7) **The permit is valid for ninety (90) days after it is issued.**

**\*An official health certificate is a document issued and certified by a veterinarian working full time with the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a government veterinarian.**

Please be advised, these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, the granting of permission for the animal(s) to enter the Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry. It is your responsibility to contact the Veterinary Division, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to confirm these conditions are current.

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