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Facilitation in import of pet dogs and pet cats along with stranded Indians in war-hit Middle East countries- Circular No 11/2026- Customs dated 16-03-2026-reg

Kind attention is invited to the Circular No 11/2026-Customs dated 16-03-2026 regarding- Facilitation in import of pet dogs and pet cats along with stranded Indians in war-hit Middle East countries.

2. The DAHD has informed that considering the unique and extraordinary situations in war-hit Middle East countries wherein pre-export requisite formalities to export of pets into India may not be fulfilled, the import of pet dogs and / or pet cats along with stranded Indians, is being facilitated as one-time relaxation measure. The Relevant portion of the O.M. is reproduced for ease of reference:

(1). Pre-Import conditions:

- (i). *The declaration of the owner that the pet dogs and / or pet cats is residing with him/her at least for the past one month.*
- (ii). *The owner should produce the pet vaccination certificate / pet book/ pet passport indicating the history of the vaccination. The requisite vaccinations due/delayed shall also be considered.*
- (iii). *In case the pet dog and / or pet cat is lifted from nearby neighbouring countries, then the owners are advised to get the pet animals checked from the veterinary authorities of respective country, in case available at airport or nearby.*

(2). Post-Import conditions:

- (i). *The pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported with proper official veterinary health certificate with vaccination details issued by nearby neighbouring countries shall be given final Animal quarantine and certification Services (AQCS) clearance from the airport, after examination of documents and clinical examination by AQCS.*
- (ii). *The pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported with proper updated vaccination certificate shall be given final Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) clearance from the airport, after examination of documents and clinical examination by AQCS.*
- (iii). *The pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported with vaccination certificate/pet book/passport and the last vaccination is not completed and is due / delayed by 15 days, or the pet dog and / or pet cat which are being imported without any veterinary health certificate or vaccination certificate, shall be vaccinated for rabies (cost to be borne by*

the owners as per actual) at the port of entry and be given final Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) clearance from the airport, after examination of documents and clinical examination by AQCS.

(3) Cost of quarantine:

In case of any abnormal findings during clinical examination by AQCS, the pet to be quarantined at concerned AQCS and all the expenditures towards post-import quarantine of pet dog and/or pet cat including quarantine charges, vaccinations, medications etc. shall be borne by the owners as per actual/prevaling applicable charges by AQCS at minimal.

3. This facilitation will not be considered and quoted as a precedent in future as this circular is issued for facilitating entry of pet dogs and/or pet cats belonging to stranded Indian nationals from the war zone by the Government of India.
4. It is also mentioned that for applicable requirements of other Departments or agencies such as DGFT, Customs etc for import of pet dogs and/or pet cats into India, the concerned Department or agency may consider to take appropriate action in this regard.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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