

### III. ENTRY INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS FROM A THIRD COUNTRY

#### 1. COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIAL PARTS SET BY THE EU, AND WHICH ARE MENTIONED IN SECTION 2 OF PART B', AND PART C' OF ANNEX II OF THE EU REGULATION 998/2003/EK

[Animals originating from a country or territorial part mentioned in Section 2 of Part B' and Part C' of Annex II](#) of the [EU Regulation 998/2003/EK](#), as well as any other country defined by the EU to fall within this group of countries, accompanied by the relative validated documents and which fulfill the provisions set below; can enter into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus without being subject to quarantine period or the need of an import permit.

#### 1. IDENTIFICATION:

- a) Have easily clearly readable tattoo or
- b) Have an electronic microchip incorporated into their body for verifying animal's identity. The information which would facilitate the verification of the owner's name, surname and address should also be attainable apart from identity's verification.

In order for the microchip to be easily detected/read and compatible with the radio detective devices which the Veterinary Services own, the microchip should a) have been manufactured in accordance with the provisions set by the International Quality standard [ISO 11784:1996](#) or b) comply with [Annex A of ISO 11785:1996](#).

In case the incorporated microchip does not comply with the aforementioned specifications of the International Quality standard ISO 11784:1996 or annex A of ISO 11785:1996 and is not readable by the radio detective devices which the Veterinary Services use, the owner or the natural person responsible for the pet animal on behalf of the owner must provide the necessary means for reading the microchip at the time of inspection.

The incorporation of the microchip should be proved that it has been calendary done prior one at least vaccination against rabies.

For a period of 8 years and until October 01, 2012, both methods of identification are accepted. After the end of this transition period, only the method referred in paragraph III, first subparagraph, element b would be accepted as identification method

#### 2. ROUTE:

They have arrived in Cyprus [from a country or territorial part mentioned in Section 2 of Part B' and Part C' of Annex II](#) or through an [EU member country](#).

#### 3. ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

Are accompanied by:

- A) [Health certificate](#) ([Decision 824/2004/EK](#)): issued by an **official veterinarian\*\*** or [Passport](#) ([Decision 803/2003/EK](#), in case [the third country of origin](#) has communicated to the EU its intention to use the passport instead of the Health certificate or in case of reentry), in which the observation of paragraph III,1 and III,3A should be certified mentioning the following information:
  - a) the name, surname and address of the owner
  - b) the tattoo number, for as long as the identification by tattoo is accepted, or the microchip number.
  - c) Date of birth, breed, sex, type and color of its coat.

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**Note:** \*\* OFFICIAL VETERINARY SURGEON is any veterinary surgeon who is employed by the competent authority

- d) Rabies vaccination Date
  - e) Commercial name and brand of the vaccine used
  - f) Date to be revaccinated against rabies
  - g) The animal should:
    - Have been vaccinated against [Rabies](#) virus, **at the age of not less than 3 months old**, with an [inactivated Rabies strain according to OIE standards](#). The vaccination or revaccination should have taken place at least one (1) month prior departure for arriving in Cyprus.
    - The relative documents substantiating the observance of these requirements should be shown when requested upon inspection at the point of entry.
- B) The entry of animals aged less than 3 months old **IS NOT ALLOWED** no matter of the country of origin.
- C) Documents verifying that the animal has arrived into the territory of the Republic of Cyprus [from the respective third country mentioned in Part C, Annex II](#) of the [EU Regulation 998/2003/EK](#) or through an EU member country.
- D) The records concerning the vaccinations have been checked and proved to fulfill the requirements mentioned above.
- E) The verification that the above provisions are fulfilled will be done by inspecting each animal's [Health certificate](#) or [Passport](#) respectively upon arrival. The Veterinary Officers on duty will do the accompanying identity documents inspection.  
As long as the above provisions are fulfilled the companion animals enter Cyprus [after paying the legal inspection fees](#) provided by the laws in force.  
In case the provisions are not, in any way fulfilled, the companion animal/ls will be subjected to quarantine and enters Cyprus after paying the legal inspection and quarantine fees provided by the laws in force plus VAT.

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