

## **Further guidance for exporters of commercial consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets from Australia to Sweden.**

This document must be read in conjunction with: [‘Guidance for completing the ‘Model Animal Health Certificate For Entry Into The Union Of Dogs, Cats And Ferrets \(Model ‘Canis-Felis-Ferrets’\)’ for commercial consignments exported from Australia on or after 16 January 2022’](#).

**Background:** In July 2022, the Swedish Government wrote to the Australian Government outlining concerns about the official health certification that accompanied commercial consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets exported from Australia.

### **1. Registration/approval number at item I.11**

Item II.2 of the European Union (EU) commercial certificate allows for two options being dispatch directly from the establishment of origin or dispatch from an approved establishment that meets certain requirements listed in the certificate.

Only a proportion of commercial consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets exported from Australia are exported from an approved establishment and only these will have a registration/approval number that can be entered at item I.11.

Information about the approval process, where needed, is found in the MICOR entry: Imports (also known as commercial movements) > Registration of the establishment where the animals are held prior to export.

The evidence of approval, where required, is the officially endorsed health certificate including the approval number entered at item I.11.

### **2. Registration/approval number at item I.12**

To complete this item, the exporter/importer may need to email the Swedish authority and register their address in Sweden. An email address for the Swedish Board of Agriculture is: [jordbruksverket@jordbruksverket.se](mailto:jordbruksverket@jordbruksverket.se)

Upon registration of their Swedish address, the exporter/importer will receive a number that may be included at item I.12.

Alternatively, the importer may already have a registration number than can be used.

### **3. Transport to Sweden**

Sweden can only be reached by air from Australia.

At item I.15 exporters must select ‘Aircraft’ and insert the relevant flight numbers.

It is acceptable to strikeout the other transport options but they must not be deleted.

### **4. Item I.20**

Item I.20 provides for four options being:

‘Further keeping’

‘Confined establishment’

‘Quarantine establishment’

‘Other’

Most dogs, cats and ferrets exported to Sweden as commercial consignments are pets and are certified in accordance with Chapter 2 of EU Regulation 2020/2235 as being for 'Further keeping'.

The other three options are very rare and should only be selected where the importer is certain that it is the correct option after discussion with their importer.

#### **5. Items II.3 and II.4**

Items II.3 and II.4 must not be removed from a certificate.

As needed, irrelevant items can be struck out e.g. ~~strickthrough~~.

#### **6. Official veterinarian section**

On the final page of the EU *pro forma* certificate there is a section to be signed and endorsed by the Official veterinarian. This section must not be split across two pages.

#### **7. Page numbers**

At the time the official health certificate and export permit is issued, departmental officers will add page numbers to every page including the:

- a. Australian Government health certificate;
- b. EU *pro forma* health certificate; and
- c. supporting documents such as the rabies vaccination certificate.