

Further guidance for exporters of commercial consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets from Australia to Sweden where the transitional health certificate will be used

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.

Background: In July 2022 and April 2025, 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.

Should a commercial consignment of dogs, cats and ferrets exported from Australia be detained on arrival in Sweden by the Swedish authority please immediately contact the relevant departmental office in the Australian state or territory from where the consignment was exported and cc the email address: micorlae@aff.gov.au

1. Address at Item I.1

Must be the same address as the place of dispatch (I.11) and should be consistent with the address provided on the Notice of Intention to Export (NOI).

2. Registration/approval number at item I.11

Australian address where the animal departed for the EU.

Information about obtaining a registration/approval number is found in the MICOR entry: Imports (also known as commercial movements) > Registration of the premises where the animals are held prior to export.

The evidence of approval is the officially endorsed health certificate including the approval number entered at item I.11. This is the health certificate number issued by the department.

3. 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

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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Items II.3 and II.6

Items II.3 and II.6 must not be removed from a certificate.

7. Irrelevant items

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

8. 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.

9. 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
supporting documents such as the rabies vaccination certificate.

10. Rabies vaccination certificate

The rabies vaccination certificate appended to the EU *pro forma* health certificate should list the animal's physical address in Australia. The address should not be a PO Box.