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## Israel

### Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards

### Pets and Other Animals Import Regulations

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**Report Highlights:**

The Israeli Veterinary Services renewed its regulations regarding importation of pets and other animals, accompanied or unaccompanied by their owners.

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**Tourist Information - Import of Animals to Israel**

## 1. Import of animals accompanied by owners

Pet dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and rodents which are not considered wildlife, up to two of each type, accompanied by their owners, are exempt from a Veterinary Import Permit. Import is allowed under the following conditions:

- a. A Veterinary Health Certificate, issued by a government veterinary officer in the country of origin within 7 days prior to export is attached, stating that the animals were examined, found healthy, free from infectious and contagious diseases, and that a declaration has been received from the owner stating that the animals have been in his/her possession for at least the last 90 days.
- b. An international certificate of vaccination stating that the dogs or cats have been vaccinated against rabies, not more than a year and not less than a month prior to shipment to Israel.
- c. Dogs and cats, younger than 3 months are not allowed to enter the country. The following details on each animal must be submitted to the Israeli Veterinary Services and to the animal health office in Beit-Dagan at least 48 hours prior to arriving in Israel (Fax: 972-3-9688963): owner, animal species, age, flight Number and approximate time of flight arrival. Animals arriving in good health and properly certified will generally not be quarantined.

## 2. Dogs, cats, birds, rabbits and rodents in quantities greater than two each, or such animals arriving unaccompanied by their owners, and all other animal species arriving with or without their owners, require a Veterinary Import Permit issued by the director of Veterinary Services. A written application for such a permit is to be presented with a check for the fees, by a person living in Israel, not less than 10 days before the planned date of departure of the animals. The application must include the following details: animal species, sex, breed, age, date of expected arrival in Israel, country of origin, and other details. All documents should be addressed to: The Director of Veterinary Services, Import-Export Officer P.O. Box 12, Beit Dagan 50250, Israel. Fax numbers are: 972-3-9688963 or 972-3-9605194; tel: 972-3-9688986 The permit, if granted, will include all needed veterinary conditions and requirements pertaining to the referred animal.

3. Import of wild animals or animals whose usual habitat is not among human beings, regardless of their origins, requires written permission in advance from the Israeli Nature & National Parks Protection Authority.  
Address: 3 Am VeOlamo St. Givat Shaul Jerusalem 95463 Israel.  
Tel: 972-2-5005463 Fax: 972-2-5005459.

## 4. The importation of monkeys into Israel is generally prohibited.

## 5. Importation of horses - An application for the importation of horses shall be made not less than 60 days before their planned departure to enable the completion of required tests and attestations to be made abroad.

6. Quarantine - Unaccompanied animals shall be quarantined in an official quarantine station for a period of 8 days or as decided by the director.

7. Refusal or destruction of animals - Animals arriving in Israel without the above mentioned documents will be returned to the country of origin at the owner's expense, or destroyed, as stated by law.