



INFORMATION DOCUMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS INTO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA CLICK ON THE LINK TO [\(Dept of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries\)](#)

Summarised relating to Mozambique

From Mozambique, Pets can only be imported into South Africa with a veterinary import permit. The animals need to have the necessary blood tests (see testing procedure above) done prior to export and must be flown from Mozambique to either Johannesburg or Cape Town International Airports where the animals will be placed in quarantine for approximately 14 days and will be re tested according to the normal protocol for animals in quarantine. Dogs may not enter South Africa by road. An import permit is needed to bring cat into South Africa from Mozambique but cats can enter South Africa by road and do not need to be placed into quarantine.

Dogs leaving South Africa for recreational purposes (shows or Holidays) for a period of 10 days. A veterinary import permit for dogs travelling out of South Africa for recreational purposes is needed for the import of such dogs that have travelled outside South Africa for a short period of time.

These permits will only be issued for dogs travelling to countries for which South Africa does not require quarantine.

The dog must be permanently identified with a microchip. The description of the dog, i.e. the name, breed, sex, colour and microchip number must be written on the application form when applying for the permit.

No blood tests are required for the dog to be re imported back into South Africa as the dog will not have been out of South Africa for 10 days and therefore the blood tests to be of any value as even if a dog is infected with one of the above mentioned five diseases the dogs will not show a positive reaction to the blood tests.

A veterinary import permit is needed to import Dogs & Cats into South Africa.

Quarantine of 14 days will be quarantined on arrival.

Before a quarantine booking for a dog can be confirmed, the importer must sign an indemnity form. Copies of the indemnity form can be obtained from the permit office and from the two quarantine stations (see contact details below). The original signed indemnity form needs to either be handed in at the quarantine station where the dog will be quarantined or the original signed indemnity form needs to be posted or couriered to the quarantine station. Faxed and scanned copies will not be accepted. Bookings at the quarantine stations will only be confirmed on receipt of the original signed indemnity form.

All dogs and cats imported into South Africa must be permanently identified with a microchip (tattoos will not be accepted). The microchip must be able to be read by an ISO 11784 or ISO 11785 scanners.