

IMPORT PROCEDURE

DOGS AND CATS

1. Apply for an import permit at National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City by accomplishing the application form or by writing a Letter Request addressed to the BAI Director, with the following information:
 - a. species and breed of animal
 - b. sex, age and number of animals
 - c. expected date of arrival
2. The animals must be four (4) months of age or above.
3. If the number of animals exceeds five, the quarantine site has to be inspected.
4. Issuance and inspection fees are P100.00 and P250.00 for the first two head and P300.00 for the succeeding head, respectively.
5. Permit is good for 2 months; extension for another month may be requested before its expiry date. Payment for extension is P100.00
6. The dog and the necessary documents including a valid health certificate from the country of origin shall be presented at the Veterinary Quarantine Unit for inspection as well as payment of fees for permits and other necessary fees such as mailing or fax transmittal of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC).
7. A **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued. The cat and dog shall be subjected to an in-house quarantine for 30 days.

EXOTIC ANIMALS

1. Secure a CITES Import Permit from the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB), DENR.
2. Arrange a schedule with NVQS - BAI, Visayas Ave. for inspection of the quarantine site.
3. Secure an import permit from the NVQS office.
4. Issuance and inspection fees are P100.00-150.00 and P15.00-25.00/head (depending on the size of the animal), respectively.

5. DA seal is affixed at the Records Unit of BAI. Permit is good for 2 months; extension for another month may be requested before its expiry date. Payment for extension is P100.00.
6. Upon arrival, the animal/s shall be presented at the Veterinary Quarantine Unit at the port of entry for inspection.
7. A CITES Certification and valid health certificate from the country of origin shall be also be presented upon arrival.
8. A **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued. The animal/s shall be subjected to an in-house quarantine for 30 days.

HOGS

- Requirement: An evaluation of the animal disease situation of the country of origin shall be necessary in the approval of said importation. In particular, it must be free from the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) List A Diseases of Swine.
- Guidelines in securing an import permit:
 1. Make a *letter request to import* addressed to the BAI Director.
 2. Arrange a schedule with NVQS and the Livestock Development Division (LDD) for the inspection of the farm and of the quarantine site.
 3. Secure a permit from NVQS.
 4. Permit is good for two months. Application for an extension for another month may be made before its expiration date.
 5. If the arrival of the shipment has been confirmed, the importer must apply for a **Landing Permit** at BAI-NVQS.
 6. Upon arrival, the hogs shall be inspected and examined by a Veterinary Quarantine Officer at the port of entry. **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued if the animals are found to be apparently free from evidence of contagious communicable animal disease.
 7. The animals shall be unloaded to trucks or trailers and transported immediately to the designated place of quarantine.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC:	P200.00
Inspection Fee	P100/head

HORSES

1. The importer-owner must meet the following qualifications before importation shall be allowed:
 - a. Race Horses – A duly registered race horse breeder in the Philippines, certified as such by the Stud Book and Animal Registry Division (SBARD) and the Philippine Racing Commission.
 - b. Riding Horse - A bonafide owner of an accredited riding school and/or member of a recognized riding club in the Philippines.
 - c. Polo Horse – a member of accredited and duly registered Polo Club in the Philippines.
 - d. Work Horse – Any person may import a work horse as long as proof as to the actual need of the horse is duly presented.
2. The qualified importer shall make a *letter request to import* addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).
3. An inspection of the quarantine site shall be made by a staff from the NVQS or by a BAI-deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer prior to processing of the shipment the permit.
4. If the arrival of animal has been confirmed, the importer must apply for a **Landing Permit** at BAI-NVQS
5. Upon arrival, the horses shall be inspected and examined by a veterinary quarantine officer at the port of entry. **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued if the animals are found to be apparently free from evidence of contagious communicable animal disease.

6. The animals shall be unloaded on a leak-proof truck or trailer and taken immediately to the designated branding place where the horses will be subjected to freeze branding.
7. The importer/owner shall provide for the dry ice and ethyl alcohol.
8. The animals shall be placed under quarantine for thirty days from the date of arrival under the supervision of a BAI-deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer and shall be subjected to periodic inspection and serologic testing.
9. The permit shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance or up to the last day of the current calendar year whichever comes first.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC:	₱ 200.00
Inspection Fee:	₱ 250.00/head

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