

BAHAMAS IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

An import permit is required from the Ministry of Agriculture, Trade and Industry (Nassau), for all animals being brought into the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Applications for such permits (along with a \$10 processing fee) must be made in writing to the Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Trade and Industry, P.O. Box N-3704, Nassau, The Bahamas. For more information, call 242-325-7502 or 325-7509.

The application must be accompanied by a \$10.00 processing fee for each animal and a \$5.00 fax fee in cases where persons wish to have the permit faxed to them - money order or cash only. No personal cheques will be accepted.

For the U.S. and Canada, the following are the main provisions of the import permit as it applies to dogs and cats:

- (a) The animal must be 6 months of age or older.
- (b) The animal must be accompanied by a valid certificate which substantiates that it has been vaccinated against rabies within not less than one (1) month and not more than ten (10) months prior to importation for the one (1) year vaccine. For the three (3) year vaccine it must be within no less than one (1) month and not more than thirty-four (34) months prior to importation into The Bahamas.
- (c) The animal must be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate presented within 48 hours of arrival in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to a licensed veterinarian for an examination.

The Permit Is Valid For One (1) Entry And Must Be Used Within One (1) Year From The Date Of Issue.

Regulations for all other types of animals and relating to countries not mentioned above may be obtained from the Director of Agriculture, P.O. Box N-3704, Nassau, The Bahamas. Applications should state the kind of animal, breed, age, sex, and country of embarkation. Additional information may be required if, for example, the animal or animal produce is listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Plants and Animals (CITES).

Customs Duty for permanent entry of all animals from outside the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (dogs, cats, cattle and horses) are \$10 plus 1/2% of the value of the animal. Yearly fees for dog licenses in New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands are: male or spayed female, \$2; unsplayed female \$6.

Animals not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to enter the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**APPLICATION TO IMPORT DOMESTIC ANIMALS
INTO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ P.O. Box: _____

Type of Animal: _____ Breed: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ #Of Animals: _____

Country of Export: _____

Address of Origin of Animals: _____

Anticipated Date of Arrival: _____

Destination of Animals in The Bahamas: _____

Purpose of Importing Animals: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

OFFICIAL USE: _____

SEND TO:
DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LEVY BUILDING, EAST BAY STREET
P.O. BOX N-3704
NASSAU, BAHAMAS

Phone: 242-325-7502/9 or 242-325-7438
Fax: 242-325-3960