This job aid provides airlines with step-by-step guidance in how to review a CDC Import Dog Permit.

As of July 14, 2021, there is a temporary suspension for dogs imported from countries that CDC considers high risk for dog rabies. This includes dogs arriving from countries NOT at high risk if the dogs have been in any high-risk country during the previous 6 months. Dogs from high-risk countries may be imported only with:

- A valid-US-issued rabies vaccination certificate (dog must be healthy, microchipped, at least 6 months of age, and arrive at an approved POE*). See “How to Review a US-issued Rabies Vaccination Certificate” job aid. OR
- A valid CDC Dog Import Permit (if importer is eligible to apply)

Steps to Review a Permit

1. Ensure CDC logo, QR code†, and permit number are included.
2. Confirm the permit number has not expired (ensure the permit is not presented after the valid period). Dates are formatted as MM/DD/YYYY. For example, July 14, 2021 is formatted as 07/14/2021.
3. Verify the dog presented to the airline agents matches the description on the permit.
4. Confirm arrival information. The arrival date can be different than the flight date due to changes in travel plans. Simply confirm travel is occurring while the permit is valid.

Permit Elements

**CDC Logo (Step 1)**

**PHS Permit Number (Step 1)**

**QR code† (Step 1)**

**Period Permit is Valid (Step 2)**

**Dog Identification (Step 3)**

**Arrival Information (Step 4)**

*Approved POEs include all 18 airports with a CDC quarantine station. These will serve as approved POEs throughout the entire suspension.

†Airlines are not expected to scan the QR code, although CDC is working to get airlines access to scan.

Additional Resources

High-Risk Dog Ban Federal Register Notice  
FAQs: Dogs from High-Risk Countries  
High-Risk Countries for Dog Rabies  
Bringing a Dog into the United States  

Contact the CDC Quarantine Station with jurisdiction.