

How to Review a US-issued Rabies Vaccination Certificate

This job aid provides airlines with guidance in how to review a US-issued Rabies Vaccination Certificate.

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*](#)). **OR**
- **A valid [CDC Dog Import Permit](#)** (must be eligible to apply and dog must be healthy, microchipped, at least 6 months of age, and arrive at an [approved POE*](#)). See "How to Review a CDC Dog Import Permit" job aid.

Steps to Review a US-issued Rabies Vaccination Certificate

- Ensure rabies certificate is in English** or accompanied by a **certified English translation**.
 - A *certified* translation is a signed statement on professional letterhead issued by a licensed translator declaring that the translation is an accurate and true representation of the original document.
 - The translation must include the name, address and contact information of the translator and have a signatory stamp or elevated seal with the translator's license number included.

- Ensure the certificate includes the following required information:**

Owner's information

- Name and address

Description of pet

- Breed
- Sex
- Date of birth (approximate age if date of birth unknown)
- Color
- Markings
- IMPORTANT: Dog's microchip number**

Vaccination and product information

- Date of rabies vaccination
- Date the vaccination expires
- Vaccine product name/manufacturer of product
- Vaccine product lot number
- Vaccine product expiration date

Administering veterinarian's information

- Name, license number (or official stamp), and address
- Signature

To re-enter the United States, a dog with a US-issued rabies vaccination certificate MUST:

- Appear healthy on arrival
- Be at least 6 months old
- Have a microchip with numbers listed on their rabies vaccination certificate
- Arrive at an [approved port of entry*](#)
- Provide proof of a valid US-issued rabies vaccination certificate upon arrival

Expired US-issued rabies vaccines will not be accepted. If the US-issued rabies vaccine has expired, the importer must apply for a CDC Dog Import Permit, if eligible.

Contact Your Local CDC Quarantine Station If You Believe Dog Does Not Meet CDC Entry Requirements

 Find contact information here: www.cdc.gov/quarantine/quarantinestationcontactlistfull.html

Additional Resources

- [High-Risk Dog Suspension Federal Register Notice](#)
- [FAQs: Dogs from High-Risk Countries](#)
- [High-Risk Countries for Dog Rabies](#)
- [What is a Valid Rabies Vaccination Certificate?](#)
- [Bringing a Dog into the United States](#)

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



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