For Airlines: How to Review a CDC Dog Import Permit

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

Beginning 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 CDC’s advance written approval (CDC Dog Import Permit).

Steps to Review a Permit

1. Ensure CDC logo and permit number are included.

2. Confirm the permit number has not expired (permit is valid between the date of issue and expiration date).

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. As long as travel is occurring between the date issued and the permit expiration date, travel can occur.

Permit Elements

- CDC Logo (Step 1)
- PHS Permit Number (Step 1)
- Date Issued (Step 2)
- Expiration Date (Step 2)
- Dog Identification (Step 3)
- Arrival Information (Step 4)

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.