Air Carrier Responsibilities:
No commercial dogs from countries at high-risk for dog rabies to enter Canada

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Rabies caused by canine-variant viruses (dog rabies) is a fatal disease that is easily transmittable through close contact. It is found in some countries but not in Canada. We want to keep it that way. Help us protect the health and safety of people and animals in Canada.

What you should know:

- All commercial dogs coming from the list of countries (see Annex A) considered to be at high-risk for dog rabies are not allowed to enter Canada. It is important for air carriers to ensure that these commercial dogs do not board the aircraft.
- The importation of personal pet dogs or assistance dogs originating from these countries will continue to be allowed as long as they meet all the Canadian Food Inspection Agency’s (CFIA) import requirements and appropriate documentation.
- The CFIA continues to work with federal government partners, airlines and industry to implement this measure.

Commercial dogs vs. Personal dogs vs. Assistance Dogs

- Commercial dogs include dogs intended for purposes such as being given/transferred to another person, resale, adoption, fostering, breeding, show or exhibition and research.
- Personal dogs include dogs that are intended to live with the owner who is bringing the animal into Canada as a pet dog.
- Assistance dogs include dogs that are trained and certified by an organization credited by Assistance Dogs International or the International Guide Dog Federation to provide a distinct service to the individual to which the dog belongs. It does not include emotional support animals, therapy animals, comfort animals, companionship animals, or service animals in training.

For airline staff:
Questions to ask BEFORE boarding or loading a dog

For more information on importing dogs to Canada: inspection.canada.ca/dog-decision

1 The rabies virus is a fatal disease of the central nervous system that can be transmitted between mammals, including to humans, through close contact. Dog rabies is a specific variant of rabies caused by canine-variant viruses.

2 Notice to Industry: New measure prohibiting the entry of commercial dogs from countries at high-risk for dog rabies.

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## Annex A
### Countries at high-risk for dog rabies

#### Africa
- Algeria | Angola | Benin | Botswana | Burkina Faso | Burundi | Cameroon
- Central Africa Republic | Chad | Comoros | Côte D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo | Djibouti | Egypt | Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea | Eswatini (Swaziland) | Ethiopia | Gabon | Gambia | Ghana
- Guinea | Guinea-Bissau | Kenya | Lesotho | Liberia | Libya | Madagascar
- Malawi | Mali | Mauritania | Morocco | Mozambique | Namibia | Niger
- Nigeria | Republic of Congo | Rwanda | Sao Tome and Principe | Senegal
- Sierra Leone | Somalia | South Africa | South Sudan | Sudan | Tanzania (including Zanzibar) | Togo | Tunisia | Uganda | Western Sahara
- Zambia | Zimbabwe

This list is reviewed regularly and is subject to change.

#### Asia and the Middle East, Eastern Europe
- Afghanistan | Armenia, Azerbaijan | Bangladesh | Belarus | Brunei
- Cambodia | China (mainland only) | Georgia | India | Indonesia | Iran
- Iraq | Jordan | Kazakhstan | Kuwait | Kyrgyzstan | Laos | Lebanon
- Malaysia | Moldova | Mongolia | Myanmar (Burma) | Nepal | North Korea
- Oman | Pakistan | Philippines | Qatar | Russia | Saudi Arabia | Sri Lanka
- Syria | Tajikistan | Thailand | Türkiye | Turkmenistan | Ukraine | United Arab Emirates | Uzbekistan | Vietnam | Yemen

#### Americas and Caribbean
- Belize | Bolivia | Brazil | Colombia | Cuba | Dominican Republic
- Ecuador | El Salvador | Guatemala | Guyana | Haiti | Honduras
- Peru | Suriname | Venezuela

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