

ENTRY OF DOGS AND CATS TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

1. What do I need to enter Argentina with my dog or cat?

To enter Argentina with dogs or cats you must have the International Veterinary Certificate (CVI) or the official legalized Passport, complying with the sanitary requirements established in Resolution [GMC 17/15](#).

CVI: must be issued, signed and stamped by the [veterinary authority](#) of the country of origin or origin of the animal, and one of the languages must be Spanish.

Legalized official passport: it must be in force -with all the required sanitary information- and must be endorsed, endorsed or validated by signature and stamp of the veterinary authority of the country of origin or provenance, prior to shipment. English will be accepted as the only language.

2. What are the sanitary requirements that my dog or cat must comply with to enter Argentina?

The sanitary requirements are contemplated in [Resolution GMC 17/15](#), among which the following stand out:

a) HEALTH CERTIFICATE:

An authorized veterinarian in the country of origin must certify that the animal is clinically healthy, without evidence of parasitosis and that it is fit to be moved. This examination must be performed within 10 (ten) days prior to the date of issuance of the CVI/legalization of the passport.

b) VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES:

Dogs or cats must be vaccinated against rabies with vaccines authorized by the veterinary authority of the country of origin and with current immunity, according to the term of validity granted by the vaccine manufacturer's laboratory.



In the case of animals receiving their first vaccination, it must be administered at least 21 (twenty-one) days prior to their entry into Argentina

If the dog or cat is less than 3 (three) months old, the veterinary authority of the country of origin must certify the age of the animal and that the animal has not been in any property where a case of urban rabies has occurred in the 90 (ninety) days prior to its shipment.

If the animal comes from a country or zone declared free of rabies, as established by the OMSA, it may enter if the veterinary authority issuing the CVI states this condition in said document or passport.

The original rabies vaccination certificate must not be retained and must remain in the possession of the owner/responsible person of the animal.

c) DEPARASITATION:

Treatment against internal and external parasites carried out within 15 (fifteen) days prior to the date of issuance of the CVI or passport legalization, with veterinary products approved by the veterinary authority of the country of origin/provenance.

The CVI or official passport legalized by the veterinary authority of the country of origin must contain the following detailed and valid sanitary requirements.

It is important to consult in advance with the corresponding health service to consider the deadlines and modalities for obtaining the CVI or passport, in relation to the date of your trip.

3. What happens if a dog or cat is brought in as accompanied baggage?

Entry as accompanied baggage refers to dogs or cats as pets traveling with their guardians or caregivers in the same means of transportation. In the case of air transportation, it includes those traveling in the cabin or hold of the aircraft.

Upon arrival in Argentina, Senasa personnel at the border post will carry out a documentary (CVI or Passport), physical and identity verification of the dog or cat.

4. Does the entry as accompanied baggage require any previous procedure?

No, no previous procedure is required from the owner or person in charge of the animal, just the animal's health documentation (CVI/Passport).

5. What happens if they enter as cargo with or without commercial purposes?

The **entry as cargo with or without commercial purposes** refers to those dogs or cats that respond to foreign trade operations and are subject to the customs regime, or to those dogs or cats as pets that are dispatched without the accompaniment of a guardian/responsible person in the same means of transport.

Upon arrival in Argentina, Senasa personnel at the border post will carry out a sanitary (CVI or Passport), transport (air waybill, etc.), physical and identity verification of the dog or cat.

Once the controls have been passed, Senasa personnel will issue an entry permit for customs purposes for the release and entry of the animal into our country.

6. Does entry as cargo for commercial or non-commercial purposes require any prior notice or processing?

No. The freight forwarder or the person responsible for the cargo must give prior notice or request for intervention to the border post through which the cargo is to enter at least 24 working hours in advance.

7. What is the validity of the International Veterinary Certificate (CVI) once issued?

Once the CVI has been issued or the passport has been endorsed by the veterinary service of the country where the pet is, it is valid for 60 days to enter Argentina, as long as the anti-rabies vaccine is in force on the day of entry and the pet is in good health.

8. I am returning to Argentina, can I enter with the CVI issued by Senasa when I left the country?

The International Veterinary Certificate (CVI) issued by Senasa when you left the country is valid for 60 days (from the date of issue) to return, as long as the anti-rabies vaccine included in the CVI is valid on the day of entry and the pet is in good health.

If the CVI is over 60 days old, it has expired and, therefore, a new certificate must be obtained from the veterinary authority of the country where the pet is located.

9. Is it necessary to apostille at the consulate the CVI obtained from the veterinary service of the country where I am?

It is not necessary to apostille the International Veterinary Certificate obtained from the veterinary service of the country where you are.

10. Do I need to report the possible stopovers of the aircraft when returning or entering Argentina?

It is not necessary to inform Senasa about the stopovers of a flight. This information will appear as a place of transit in the CVI issued by the country where you are.

11. Must the CVI accompanying the pet's entry into Argentina be in Spanish?

According to Senasa Resolution 1354/1994, all documentation issued by a foreign sanitary authority presented by the interested person to endorse the sanitary conditions of the pet must be written in Spanish as one of the languages used or, failing that, it must be translated by a national public translator upon arrival in the country. The release will not be authorized until it is fulfilled.

12. Is the CVI issued for entering Argentina valid for returning to the country of origin?

In the case of return to the country of origin, a new International Veterinary Certificate (CVI) must be processed before Senasa to leave the country, unless the CVI that covered the entry expressly states that it is valid for the return to the country of origin and expresses the maximum period of time allowed for it.

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