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Food Safety Agency**

**Veterinary Requirements
to importing Wild Animals and Animals for Zoo and Circus to
Azerbaijan Republic**

The current veterinary requirements apply to all kinds of animals (mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, arachnids, insects, etc.) that are not related to domestic, agricultural or fur-bearing animals.

Clinically healthy wild animals which originate from the zoos, farms circuses and collections, etc. (hereinafter referred to as farms) and areas or aquatorias in which the following contagious animal diseases have not been registered, are admitted to be imported to Azerbaijan Republic;

a) for all animal species that are sick or may be carriers of the pathogenic agent:

- FMD, rinderpest – during the last 12 months in the country's territory;
- African swine fever – during the last 3 years in the country's territory;
- anthrax - during the last 20 days on a farm's territory;

b) for big cloven-hoofed animals (cattle, bison, buffalo, zebu, yaks, antelopes, giraffes, bison, deer, etc.):

- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy – in the country's territory in accordance with the requirements of International Epizootic Bureau (IEB) « International Animal Health Code»;

- Bovine lumpy skin disease, Rift valley fever, Bluetongue, peste des petites ruminants, epizootic hemorrhagic disease of deer – during the last 3 years in the country's territory;

- brucellosis, tuberculosis, leucosis and paratuberculosis – during the last 3 years on a farm or in the territory;

- virus diarrhea, besnoitiosis – during the last 12 months on a farm or in the territory;

c) for small cloven-hoofed animals (sheep, goats, fallow deer, tours, mouflon, wild mountain goats, roebuck, etc.):

- Rift valley fever, Bluetongue, peste des petites ruminants, epizootic hemorrhagic disease of deer – during the last 3 years in the country's territory;

- Ku fever- during the last 12 months in the country's territory;

- paratuberculosis, Scrapie, Maedi-Visna, arthritis-encephalitis, adenomatosis – during the last 5 years on a farm or in the territory;

- brucellosis, tuberculosis – during the last 3 years on a farm or in the territory;

- sheep pox and goat pox – during the last 12 months on a farm or in the territory;

d) for Equidae (horses, donkeys, mules, ponies, zebras, kulans, Przewalski's horse, kiang, etc.):

- African horse sickness, infectious equine encephalomyelitis of all types, equine viral arteritis - during the last 3 years in the country's territory;

- dourine, surra (*T. evansi*), piroplasmiasis (*B. cabani*) and nuttalliosis (*B. equine*), rabies – during the last 12 months in the administrative territories (state, province, land, county etc.);

- contagious equine metritis – during the last 12 months on a farm's territory;

Note: Current "Veterinary requirements for the import of breeds, work and sports horses in the Republic of Azerbaijan" should be guided during the import of horses.

e) for pigs and wild boars:

- Classical swine fever, vesicular stomatitis, swine pox, Aujeszky's disease, enterovirus encephalitis of swine (Teschen disease) - during the last 12 months on a farm's territory (state, province, land, county, etc.);

- trichinellosis, reproductive and respiratory syndrome of pigs - during the last 3 years on a farm or in the territory;

f) for Carnivora:

- Canine distemper, viral enteritis, toxoplasmosis, infectious hepatitis, rabies - during 12 months on a farm or in the territory;

- Tularemia - during the last 6 months on a farm or in the territory;

g) for birds:

- ornithosis (psittacosis), infectious bronchitis, pox, reovirus infection and rhinotracheitis of turkeys - during 6 months on a farm or in the territory;

- Newcastle disease - during the last 12 months in the administrative territory (state, province, land, county, etc.);

h) for waterfowl:

- Derzsy viral diseases, duck virus enteritis, duck virus hepatitis, ornithosis (psittacosis) - during the last 6 months on a farm or in the territory;

i) for rodents:

- toxoplasmosis - during the last 12 months on a farm or in the territory;

- myxomatosis, viral hemorrhagic disease of rabbits, tularemia - during the last 6 months on a farm or in the territory;

j) for pinnipeds, cetaceans:

- Phocine distemper (morbillivirus infection), vesicular exanthema - during the last 3 years in their habitats (origin).

Animals selected for shipment to the Azerbaijan Republic no less than 21 days are kept in the special quarantine bases of the exporting country or in separate premises, where clinical examination and thermometry are carried out. During this period diagnostic examinations are carried out at the state veterinary laboratory by the methods adopted in the exporting country:

a) big cloven-hoofed animals - for brucellosis, tuberculosis, paratuberculosis, leukemia;

b) small cloven-hoofed animals - for brucellosis, paratuberculosis, bluetongue;

c) equidae - for glanders, dourine, sura (*T.evansi*) piroplasmiasis (*Babesia Cabani*) and nuttalliosis (*Babesia Equi*), anaplasmosis, rhinopneumonia, infectious metritis, infectious anemia, viral arteritis;

d) carnivores:

- dogs, wolves, jackals, hyenas - for toxoplasmosis;

e) birds (parrots, pigeons) – for ornithosis (psittacosis).

If they are not vaccinated in last 6 months, they are vaccinated no later than 20 days prior to the shipment of animals.

- cloven-hoofed - against anthrax and trichophytosis;

- equidae - against anthrax and trichophytosis and influenza;

- horses, moreover - against rhinopneumonia;

- pigs - against classical swine fever, erysipelas and Aujeszky's disease;

- dogs, wolves, jackals - against canine distemper and pseudomonosis;

- dogs, wolves, jackals - against rabies, hepatitis, viral enteritis, parvovirus, leptospirosis;

- felidae - against rabies, panleukopenia and viral rhinotracheitis;

- rodents (rabbits) - against myxomatosis and viral hemorrhagic disease;

- birds (gallinaceous) - against Newcastle disease.

At the request of the importer vaccination may be provided against other diseases.

2-14 days prior to the shipment cloven-hoofed and swine are treated against leptospirosis, ectoparasites, and preventive dehelminthization is carried out.

Animals which gave negative results in all diagnostic examinations listed above, are admitted to be delivered to Azerbaijan Republic. Means of transportation are treated and prepared according to the usual regulations of the exporting country.

Fulfillment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements, should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the state veterinarian of

the exporting country and drawn up in a language understandable to the veterinarian of exporting country or in English with indication the date of diagnostic studies and inoculations.

Shipment of animals to Azerbaijan is possible only after the obtaining a permission by the importer from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan carries out control of exported animals by experts authorized for this purpose while importing animals caught in the wild, and animals kept in captivity.

After delivery to the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic and passing the state boundary veterinary checkpoint, animals are placed in quarantine for a period of 30 days in specially prepared premises, necessary diagnostic studies, treatments and vaccination under the supervision of the Food Safety Agency are carried out during this period.