

IMPORT PROCEDURE

DOGS AND CATS

1. Apply for an import permit at National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Visayas Ave., Diliman, Q.C. by accomplishing the application form or by writing a Letter Request addressed to the BAI Director, with the following information:
 - a. species and breed of animal
 - b. sex, age and number of animals
 - c. expected date of arrival
2. If the number of animals exceeds five, the quarantine site has to be inspected.
3. Issuance and inspection fees are P100.00 and P250.00 for the first two head and P300.00 for the succeeding head, respectively.
4. Permit is good for 2 months; extension for another month may be requested before its expiry date. Payment for extension is P100.00
5. The dog and the necessary documents including a valid health certificate from the country of origin shall be presented at the Veterinary Quarantine Unit for inspection as well as payment of fees for permits and other necessary fees such as mailing or fax transmittal of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC).
6. A **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued. The cat and dog shall be subjected to an in-house quarantine for 30 days.

EXOTIC ANIMALS

1. Secure a CITES Import Permit from the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB), DENR.
2. Arrange a schedule with NVQS - BAI, Visayas Ave. for inspection of the quarantine site.
3. Secure an import permit from the NVQS office.
4. Issuance and inspection fees are P100.00-150.00 and P15.00-25.00/head (depending on the size of the animal), respectively.
5. DA seal is affixed at the Records Unit of BAI. Permit is good for 2 months; extension for another month may be requested before its expiry date. Payment for extension is P100.00.

6. Upon arrival, the animal/s shall be presented at the Veterinary Quarantine Unit at the port of entry for inspection.
7. A CITES Certification and valid health certificate from the country of origin shall be also be presented upon arrival.
8. A **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued. The animal/s shall be subjected to an in-house quarantine for 30 days.

HOGS

- Requirement: An evaluation of the animal disease situation of the country of origin shall be necessary in the approval of said importation. In particular, it must be free from the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) List A Diseases of Swine.
- Guidelines in securing an import permit:
 1. Make a *letter request to import* addressed to the BAI Director.
 2. Arrange a schedule with NVQS and the Livestock Development Division (LDD) for the inspection of the farm and of the quarantine site.
 3. Secure a permit from NVQS.
 4. Permit is good for two months. Application for an extension for another month may be made before its expiration date.
 5. If the arrival of the shipment has been confirmed, the importer must apply for a **Landing Permit** at BAI-NVQS.
 6. Upon arrival, the hogs shall be inspected and examined by a Veterinary Quarantine Officer at the port of entry. **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued if the animals are found to be apparently free from evidence of contagious communicable animal disease.
 7. The animals shall be unloaded to trucks or trailers and transported immediately to the designated place of quarantine.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC:	P200.00
Inspection Fee	P100/head

HORSES

1. The importer-owner must meet the following qualifications before importation shall be allowed:
 - a. Race Horses – A duly registered race horse breeder in the Philippines, certified as such by the Stud Book and Animal Registry Division (SBARD) and the Philippine Racing Commission.
 - b. Riding Horse - A bonafide owner of an accredited riding school and/or member of a recognized riding club in the Philippines.
 - c. Polo Horse – a member of accredited and duly registered Polo Club in the Philippines.
 - d. Work Horse – Any person may import a work horse as long as proof as to the actual need of the horse is duly presented.
2. The qualified importer shall make a *letter request to import* addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).
3. An inspection of the quarantine site shall be made by a staff from the NVQS or by a BAI-deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer prior to processing of the shipment the permit.
4. If the arrival of animal has been confirmed, the importer must apply for a **Landing Permit** at BAI-NVQS
5. Upon arrival, the horses shall be inspected and examined by a veterinary quarantine officer at the port of entry. **Notice of Quarantine** shall be issued if the animals are found to be apparently free from evidence of contagious communicable animal disease.

6. The animals shall be unloaded on a leak-proof truck or trailer and taken immediately to the designated branding place where the horses will be subjected to freeze branding.
7. The importer/owner shall provide for the dry ice and ethyl alcohol.
8. The animals shall be placed under quarantine for thirty days from the date of arrival under the supervision of a BAI-deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer and shall be subjected to periodic inspection and serologic testing.
9. The permit shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance or up to the last day of the current calendar year whichever comes first.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC:	₱ 200.00
Inspection Fee:	₱ 500.00/head

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GOATS AND SHEEP

1. Make a *letter request to import* addressed to the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Director.
2. Arrange a schedule with the National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS) and Livestock Development Division (LDD) for inspection of the quarantine site/farm.
3. Secure a Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to permit from NVQS. Permit is good for two months; it may be extended for another month if the animals have not arrived yet.
4. For National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) registered breeders, refer to LDD, BAI for possible tax exemption.
5. If arrival of the animals has been confirmed, secure a **Notice of Quarantine** and a landing permit at NVQS three (3) to five (5) days prior to the actual date of arrival.
6. The animals shall be placed under quarantine for thirty (30) days upon arrival. An NVQS representative or a Deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer shall inspect the animals during the quarantine period.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC to import	₱ 200.00
Inspection fee	₱ 100.00/head

DAY-OLD CHICKS AND HATCHING EGGS

1. Make a *letter request to import* addressed to the BAI Director.
2. Arrange a schedule with the NVQS and LDD, BAI for inspection of the quarantine site/farm.
3. Secure an import permit from NVQS. Permit is good for two months; it may be extended for another month if the animals have not arrived yet.
4. For NEDA registered breeders, refer to LDD, BAI for possible tax exemption.
5. If arrival of the animals has been confirmed, secure a **Notice of Quarantine** and a landing

permit at NVQS three (3) to five (5) days prior to the actual date of arrival.

6. Within thirty days from the date of arrival, the farm will be inspected by an NVQS representative or a Deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer. Blood collection shall be done on the imported birds for serological testing against Avian Influenza, *Salmonella pullorum*, Newcastle Disease and other diseases which may be necessary.

FEES:

Day-old chicks

Issuance of VQC	₱ 100.00
Inspection fee	₱ 0.60/head

Hatching Eggs

Issuance of VQC	₱ 50.00/pc
Inspection fee	₱ 50.00/pc

GAMEFOWLS

Qualified Importers:

- a. The bonafide gamefowl breeder accredited by BAI. Bonafide gamefowl breeder refers to any person, firm, company, association or corporation that has been breeding gamefowls for at least 6 months and duly registered as such with the LDD, BAI.
- b. Non-commercial gamefowl breeder who wishes to bring into the Philippines a maximum of one trio (2 hens and 1 cock) of gamefowl and thirty (30) hatching eggs.

Qualifications for Accreditation of Gamefowl Breeder:

1. With at least 50 breeder hens and 10 breeder roosters or cocks raised principally for breeding purposes;
2. A farm at least 1,000 square meters that has been in operation for at least 6 months at the time of inspection with the ff. facilities: incubator, breeding facilities, growing pens
3. With technical capability in handling farm operation;
4. Farm records of pedigree of breeder gamefowl kept and maintained.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC (Hatching egg)	₱ 100.00
Inspection fee	₱ 0.50/pc

Guidelines in securing a permit:

a. For commercial breeding purposes:

Limitation: The import permit shall be issued to bonafide gamefowl breeder only.

1. Make a *letter request to import* addressed to the BAI Director.
2. Arrange a schedule with NVQS and LDD for inspection of the quarantine site/farm.
3. Secure an import permit from NVQS. Permit is good for three months;
4. If arrival of the animals has been confirmed, secure a **Notice of Quarantine** and a landing permit at NVQS three to five days prior to the actual date of arrival.
5. The animals shall be placed under quarantine for thirty (30) days upon arrival. An NVQS representative or a Deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer shall inspect the animals during the quarantine period.

b. For non-commercial breeding purposes:

Limitation: The import permit shall be issued for a maximum of 1 trio of gamefowls and thirty (30) pieces of gamefowl hatching eggs per year. The importer should physically bring the gamefowl/hatching eggs into the Philippines.

1. Make a *letter request* addressed to the BAI Director.
2. Arrange a schedule for inspection of the quarantine site/farm with the NVQS of BAI.
3. Secure a Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to Import from NVQS.
4. Upon arrival in the country, the fertile eggs shall be hatched at the designated quarantine facility of the importer.

5. The quarantine period shall extend for thirty (30) more days after hatching, within which the birds shall be inspected by a representative from NVQS.
6. No animal shall be removed from the quarantine facility during its quarantine period.

The issuance of the **VQC to Import Gamefowl** is subject to the condition that said birds shall be solely used for breeding purpose. The permit shall be valid for three (3) months and good for one shipment only. VQC is non-transferable.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC	₱ 100.00/head
Inspection fee for male	₱ 200.00/head
For female	₱ 100.00/head

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Qualified Importers:

1. Accredited by Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
2. With certificate of ownership/lease agreement, with the necessary feedlot resources, equipment and facilities;
3. Registered organization or cooperative who, in support of the DA's livelihood projects in the rural areas, shall farm out the imported animals to contract growers/participating farmers.

Specifications for the Animal:

1. The animals must be accompanied by an international veterinary certificate coming from the official veterinary authority of the country of origin and shall comply with all existing regulations related to animal health as required by the BAI on the importation of live animals.
2. The animals that arrive in the country shall undergo a quarantine period of at least thirty (30) days. During the quarantine period, the animals shall be subjected to periodic inspection and serological testing if warranted by the deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer and those deputized by the BAI. Any expenses incurred by the deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer shall be shouldered by the importer. No animal shall be removed from the location of quarantine while undergoing the isolation period.

Guidelines in securing a permit:

1. Only accredited feedlots operators can apply for Veterinary Quarantine Certificate (VQC) to import.

The Application for Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) (Import permit) must be made at least two weeks before departure of the imported animals from the country of origin.

2. Owners of accredited feedlots or their authorized representative shall submit their request to import to the BAI with the following documents from their latest importation:

2.1 Quarantine reports

2.1.1 Inspection report on the arrival of feeder cattle;

2.1.2 Veterinary report of the deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer while the animals are under quarantine;

2.2.3 Certificate of release from quarantine of previous importation issued by the deputized Veterinary Quarantine Officer

2.2.4 Report of disposition of the animals in the feedlot

2.2 Photocopy of registration of imported animals within 30 days quarantine period.

2.3 Official receipt of payment to the Bureau of Customs

- 3 The BAI will evaluate the application and if the requirements are complied with, BAI will issue VQC.

- 4 Upon arrival of the animals at the point of embarkation, a Veterinary Quarantine Officer shall inspect the animals on board. The animals shall be unloaded to trucks or trailers and transported immediately to the designated place of quarantine.

VQC is good for three (3) months and an application for extension for another month may be made before the expiration date.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC ₱ 200.00
Inspection fee upon arrival of animal ₱ 25/head
Extension fee ₱100.00

SEMEN AND EMBRYO

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2. Guidelines in securing an import permit:
 - a. Make a *letter request to import* addressed to the BAI Director.
 - b. Arrange a schedule with National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS) and the Livestock Development Division (LDD) for inspection of the farm and of the quarantine site.
 - c. Secure a VQC to import from NVQS.
 - d. VQC is good for two months. Application for an extension for another month may be made before its expiration date.

FEES:

Issuance of VQC	P 100.00
Inspection fee	P 5.00/vial



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EXPORT SYSTEM/PROCEDURE

Animals and Animal Products/By-Products

1. Make a Letter-Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director with attached Meat Inspection Certificate
2. Secure an Export Certificate from National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS). This is valid for 10 days.
3. Issuance of Certificate is P100.00 and inspection fee varies on the commodity

Fully-Processed Products including Canned Goods

1. Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director with attached Meat Inspection Certificate and Laboratory Report from the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS).
2. Secure a Veterinary Health Certificate from NVQS.
3. Fees include P0.10/kg. for inspection and P200.00 for issuance of the permit/certificate.

Noodle Packs/Soup Packs

1. Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director.
2. Secure a Veterinary Commodity Clearance/ Export Permit from NVQS.
3. A Certification in compliance with the requirements of the importing country shall be attached.
4. Fees include P10.00/ton or less. for inspection and P200.00 for issuance of the permit

Cheese Curds, Skim Milk & Other Dairy Products

1. Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director with attached Pro-Forma Invoice.
2. Secure a Veterinary Commodity Clearance/ Export Permit from NVQS. For other dairy products (such as infant formula and milk powder), a Veterinary Health Certificate is issued instead of the Veterinary Commodity Clearance. This is valid for 10 days.
3. Fees include P10.00/ton or less for inspection and P200.00 for issuance of the permit.

Hides, Skin, Commercial Leather, Feathers

1. Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director with attached Pro-Forma Invoice.
2. Arrange a schedule with the NVQS for inspection and fumigation of the commodities.
3. Secure a Veterinary Commodity Clearance/ Export Permit from NVQS. This is valid for 10 days.
4. Fees include P10.00/ton or less. for inspection and P200.00 for issuance of the permit

Embryonated and Salted Eggs

1. Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director.
2. Arrange a schedule with the NVQS for inspection of the farm where the eggs are sourced.
3. Secure a Veterinary Commodity Clearance/ Export Permit from NVQS. This is valid for 10 days.
4. Fees include P0.20/pc. for inspection and P100.00 for issuance of the permit

Gamefowls

1. Secure an Import permit from the country of destination and present this to NVQS.
2. Arrange a schedule with the NVQS for inspection and pullorum testing of the gamefowls. Only the birds which tested negative shall be allowed for transport. A corresponding Pullorum Test Certificate shall be issued.
3. Secure a Veterinary Health Certificate/Export Permit from NVQS. This is valid for 10 days.
4. Fees include P20/head for inspection and P100 for issuance of the permit.

Frozen Poultry:

Inspection and disease surveillance of the breeder farms where the meat for export is sourced shall be done every 3 months.

1. Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director with the ff. attachments:
 - a. Packing List
 - b. Official Meat Inspection Certificate from NMIS
 - c. NMIS Laboratory Report
2. Secure an International Veterinary Certificate (IVC) from NVQS.

Day-Old Chicks:

1. Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director.
2. Arrange a schedule with the NVQS for inspection of the birds.
3. Comply with the serological test/s for diseases required by the importing country.
4. Secure a Veterinary Health Certificate/Export Permit from NVQS. This is valid for 10 days.
5. A Health/Quarantine Certificate in compliance with the animal health requirements of the importing country shall be attached.
6. Fees include P10/head for inspection and P100 for issuance of the permit.

Poultry (Day-old Chicks and Frozen Poultry Meat)

1. Pre-requisite: The Philippines must be an accredited exporter by the importing country. The Bureau of Animal Industry shall make a formal request for accreditation. BAI must accomplish the set of questionnaires required by the importing country. Other countries require an import risk analysis as well.
2. Only BAI-accredited farms shall be allowed to export. In order to be accredited, the farm shall be visited and inspected by NVQS staff. Blood and cloacal samples shall be collected for testing at the National Disease Diagnostic Laboratory of BAI. Pullorum testing shall also be conducted.

Exotic Animals

- Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director with attached CITES permit from the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB, DENR).
- If it is not possible to present the animal to NVQS for inspection, arrange a schedule with the NVQS for inspection of the animals in the farm.
- Comply with the serological test/s for diseases required by the importing country.

- Secure a Veterinary Health Certificate/Export Permit from NVQS. This is valid for 10 days.
- A Health/Quarantine Certificate in compliance with the animal health requirements of the importing country shall be attached.

Monkeys

- Make a Letter Request to Export addressed to the BAI Director.
- The animals shall be placed under quarantine for 31 days and shall be inspected by an NVQS Veterinarian during the start, middle part and end of the quarantine period. A Certificate of Inspection shall be issued at the end of the quarantine period.
- Secure a CITES permit from the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB, DENR).
- Secure a Veterinary Health Certificate/ Export Permit from NVQS. This is valid for 10 days.
- Fees include P20/head for inspection and P100 for issuance of the permit.

Dogs & Cats

- Present the animal to NVQS for inspection. In lieu of this, present a valid health certificate issued not more than three days from the date of presentation.
- Present a valid vaccination certificate against Rabies.
- Fill up the application form including the flight details (airline, flight number, date and time).
- Secure a Veterinary Health Certificate/Export Permit. This is valid for 10 days.
- Fees include P50/head for inspection and P100 for issuance of the permit.

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