

Import of Live Animals into Sri Lanka without Import Permit.

In spite of all our correspondence and communications to the relevant authorities the practice of certain air line passengers arriving to Sri Lanka, bringing their pets (ie: dogs, cats, birds etc.) without a valid permit from DG / Animal Production and Health, is still being continued.

Our quarantine Officers have to face extreme difficulties when such animals are arrived compel to refuse entry to Sri Lanka and to re-export them to their country of export. There had been instances recently that re-exported pets were not accepted by the respective countries and referred them back to Sri Lanka again. This type of practices will cause severe inconveniences and embarrassment to our quarantine staff, customs officials as well as for the passengers.

Therefore by considering this issue seriously we would advice relevant authorities and other Sri Lanka Diplomatic Mission Abroad accordingly on the necessity of obtaining an import permit from this Department for pet animals prior to their departure to Sri Lanka.

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