



# Bringing your pet to the United Kingdom from outside the European Community

This form is for you to declare your pet to Customs and to claim any duty and tax free reliefs that may apply. The reliefs and some of the terms used on this form are explained in Customs Notice 3 ("Bringing your belongings and Private Motor Vehicle into the United Kingdom from outside the European Community").

If you want a copy of this notice or more information, ask your local Excise and Inland Customs Advice Centre (look in your phone book under 'Customs and Excise' but not our VAT Offices). If you are phoning from abroad, we have an 'international' Advice Centre based in London which you can contact, tel. no. 00 44 171 202 4227.

This form and Notice 3 are also available on the Customs Internet website <http://www.hmce.gov.uk>. Look under "Information for the public - Information".

You **must** declare your other unaccompanied personal belongings on Form C3.

## Licences

You will need a licence for most pets entering the United Kingdom.

### For health (RABIES) controls:

You can only land dogs, cats, rabbits, mice, rats, gerbils, jerboas and most other rabies susceptible mammals in the UK if you

- have previously been issued with a British import licence, and
- have made arrangements for the animal to undergo six months' quarantine.

### For health (OTHER) controls:

You will also need specific import licences for:

- All birds (eg. budgerigars and canaries)
- Specific import licences may be needed for more unusual pets, such as goats, sheep and pigs. You should contact MAFF for conditions applicable to horses and other equines.

- Goldfish and other freshwater fish

### Further details from:

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF),  
Animal Health Division,  
Government Buildings,  
(Toby Jug Site)  
Hook Rise South,  
Tolworth,  
SURBITON,  
Surrey KT6 7NF. Telephone: 0181 - 330 4411

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Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF),  
Fisheries Section,  
Nobel House,  
17 Smith Square,  
LONDON SW1P 3HX. Telephone: 0171 - 238 5944

### For conservation controls:

You will need import and foreign export permits for certain mammals, birds, reptiles (including snakes, lizards and tortoises) and amphibians (e.g. frogs). The controls also cover a limited range of fish, of butterflies and one species of spider.

Department of the Environment,  
Wildlife Licensing Branch,  
Tollgate House,  
Houlton Street,  
BRISTOL BS2 9DJ. Telephone: 0117 - 987 8469

## RABIES

**A pet is tame, but rabies is a killer ! Don't even think of smuggling an animal into the UK – it could be carrying rabies. The penalties are very severe because the consequences could be disastrous.**

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

### Personal details

Surname	Forename(s)	Date of your arrival in the UK day                      month                      year
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### Request to clear

When your pet arrives in the UK you, or your agent, should complete this part.

Ship's name or aircraft flight number	Bill of lading or airway bill number	
Place of loading abroad	Container number(s)	
Place of import	Date of import	Place for examination
I request clearance of the pet described overleaf.		
Signature ..... (importer or agent) Date .....		

## Duty and tax relief

Please  tick correct box and answer all questions unless directed otherwise.

### At the time of coming to the UK:

1. Are you moving your normal home to the EC ?  
(See definition of "normal home" in Customs Notice 3 and note that it is not necessarily the country in which you were born or hold citizenship)

No  go to question 2

Yes  (a) from which country ?

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(b) how long have you lived there ?

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2. Are you a temporary visitor to the EC ?  
*"Temporary visitor" is a person who usually lives outside the EC (or a UK citizen who is working outside the EC for 185 days or more in a period of 12 months) who has no intention of moving his/her normal home to the EC.*

No  go to question 4

Yes

3. How long do you intend to remain in the EC ?

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4. How long do you intend to keep your pet in the EC ?

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5. Are you a returning after a temporary visit outside the EC ?

No

Yes  (a) how long was the visit ?

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(b) in which country ?

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EC is the European Community: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, the Irish Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the UK. Although they have close links with the EC, the following are regarded as outside the EC for VAT purposes: the Åland Islands, Andorra, the Canary Islands, the Channel Islands, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mount Athos, Reunion and Turkey.

### Details of pet

Description	Country where obtained	State if duty/ tax free	Date obtained	Price paid or	*Present value	UK import licence number
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**Notes:** \* Cost of buying another pet of the same breed, age and condition.  
If you have recently obtained your pet, attach the purchase invoice or other evidence of its value.  
Charges will be due if not eligible for relief.

<b>Warning</b>	<b>Imports are examined by Customs and there are heavy penalties for making false declarations including possible forfeiture of your pet.</b>
<b>Declaration</b>	<p><b>I declare that :-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have read the notes on this form.</li> <li>This form and the packing details include all the information required.</li> <li>All the answers given on this form are true and complete.</li> </ul> <p>Signature ..... Date .....</p> <p>Address in the UK .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<b>This must be signed by the importer of the pet and NOT by an agent.</b>	
<b>What to do next</b>	When you have completed this form, send it with the packing details, relevant invoice and licence to the <b>agent, airline or shipping company</b> that is clearing your pet through UK Customs. Faxed copies will be acceptable for Customs purposes if it is difficult to get the originals to your agent.