



# **CHINA**

## *Customs hints on importing Dogs & Cats into China*

When you are relocating to China and planning to bring along your pet animals, please ascertain that only dogs and cats are allowed to be imported into China. Customs regulations for importing pet animals into China differ from city to city and may also change from time to time. In some cities, importation of pet animals is strictly prohibited. Therefore it is highly advisable for you to contact Asian Express for update Customs import regulations prior to bringing your pet animals into China.

### **1) RESTRICTIONS :**

- Only dogs and cats are allowed to be imported into China, any other pet animals are strictly prohibited
- Only one dog or cat per adult with a maximum of 2 pet animals per family is permitted to be imported into China
- If your pet animals are traveling along with you as accompanied baggage in the same airplane into China, please make sure it is in separate travel kennels (one pet animal in one travel kennel)
- Please check with the management office of the building where you live in China for any restrictions in keeping pet animals in your residence. If you should require information, please contact the appropriate Asian Express' office for assistance

### **2) IMPORTING PET ANIMALS AS ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE INTO CHINA :**

When you are being transferred to China traveling with your pet animals as Accompanied Baggage in the same airplane, you must enter into China with a valid visa (i.e. "Z-type" visa, not tourist status). You can apply for this visa from the Chinese Embassy in your country of origin. The following original documents must be available for Customs and Quarantine clearance:

- Customs Declaration Form for Incoming Passengers will be distributed to you in the airplane while entering into China. Please tick "Yes" at column No. 13 declaring to Customs at the "Red" passage at the airport that you have your pet animals traveling with you as accompanied baggage.
- Rabies Veterinarian Certificate of your pet animals issued under your name as the owner and certified by the government veterinarian or official Quarantine Bureau at the origin country showing its age, sex, size and weight of the pet animal. The pet animals must be vaccinated within the last 12 months but not less than 30 days before importing into China.
- Health Certificate of your pet animals issued under your name as the owner and valid for not less than 15 days prior to importation and certified by the government veterinarian at the origin country proofing it is in good healthy conditions.



After Customs clearance, your pet animals will be detained at the government kennel for further Quarantine clearance and inspection for a minimum period of 30 days at the sole and absolute discretion of the Quarantine officer. However, Asian Express at a nominal fee is able to service and assist you with the documentation formalities and to facilitate special clearance procedure in order to speed up the clearance and quarantine process.

### **3) IMPORTING PET ANIMALS AS UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE (CARGO) INTO CHINA :**

If you are importing your pet animals as Unaccompanied Baggage (cargo) into China, the following documents must be made available for Customs & Quarantine clearance:

- Owner's passport with valid China visa and entry record within the proceeding 3 months.
- China Customs Declaration Form for Incoming Passengers will be distributed to you in the airplane while entering into China. Please tick "Yes" at column No. 16 declaring to Customs at the "Red" passage in the airport that you are having your pet animals coming into China as Unaccompanied Baggage (cargo). Customs will stamp on this form certifying that you have made the declaration during entry. Please pass this form to Asian Express for clearance arrangement.
- Rabies Veterinarian Certificate of your pet animals issued under your name as the owner and certified by the government veterinarian or official Quarantine Bureau at the origin country showing its age, sex, size and weight of the pet animal. The pet animal must be vaccinated within the last 12 months but not less than 30 days before importing into China.
- Health Certificate of your pet animals issued under your name as the owner and valid for not less than 15 days prior to importation and certified by the government veterinarian at the origin country proofing it is in good healthy conditions.
- All related documents and air waybill showing your name (per your passport) as the owner.

Prior to importing your pet animals into China as Unaccompanied Baggage (cargo), please provide in advance the following documents to the appropriate Asian Express' office for clearance arrangement:

- Copy of your passport (with your photo, China visa and latest entry stamp)
- Copy of the Rabies Veterinarian Certificate
- Copy of the Health Certificate
- Copy of the Customs Declaration form declared and stamped by Customs upon entering into China
- Your full contact details in China.
- Flight details

Please also provide the original documents as mentioned above including your original passport to the appropriate Asian Express' office for clearance. After Customs clearance, your pet animals will be detained at the government kennel for further Quarantine clearance and inspection for a minimum period of 30 days at the sole and absolute discretion of the Quarantine officer.





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If you choose to import your pet animals as Unaccompanied Baggage (cargo), please avoid having it arrive at the airport in China after 2:00 p.m. or on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays as the Quarantine officers may not be available and your pet animals will be detained at the airport of arrival unattended. Subject to the current Chinese Customs & Quarantine regulations for importing pet animals into China, the entry date of the owner must be within 14 calendar days prior to the importation of the pet animals into China.

**DISCLAIMER :**

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