

**GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
VETERINARY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PARAQUITA BAY, TORTOLA**

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IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR GUINEA PIGS

The permit is issued subject to the conditions stated below. The Veterinary Authority of the BVI reserves the right to render this permit void at any time, when in its judgment, such is deemed necessary.

- (1) Permission for entry will only be granted if the guinea pigs (s) is/are accompanied by an **Export Health Certificate** issued by the ***Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating:-
 - a) The country of origin has had no cases of rabies in the establishment of origin for twelve months prior to shipment.
 - b) The guinea pig(s) originate from establishments that are regularly inspected by the Government Veterinary Officer and are reputable.
 - c) That guinea pig(s) are born and bred or have been reared for at least twelve months in country for which this permit is issued.
 - d) The guinea pig(s) were examined and found free from clinical disease prior to export.
 - e) Animal(s) was/were treated against internal and external parasites (particularly ringworm, coccidiosis and ear mange).
- (2) Guinea pig(s) must be found healthy on arrival.
- (3) **ALL REQUIRED CONDITIONS MUST BE MET AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS (IMPORT PERMIT, VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE, LAB TEST RESULTS ETC). MUST BE PRESENTED AT PORT OF ENTRY, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE VETERINARY CLEARANCE.**
- (4) **THE VETERINARY DIVISION MUST BE GIVEN AT LEAST 24 HOURS NOTICE OF CONFIRMED ARRIVAL DATE, TIME, AIRLINE/VESSEL AND PORT OF ENTRY. THIS WILL FACILITATE UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND AVOID DETENTION OF ANIMAL (S) FOR VETERINARY CLEARANCE AT PORT OF ENTRY.**
- (5) A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each animal on the permit.

***An official Health certificate is a document issued and certified by a Veterinarian working full time with the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed Veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a Government Veterinarian.**

Please be advised that these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, the granting of permission for animals to enter the British Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry. It is your responsibility to contact the Veterinary Division, Department of Agriculture to confirm that these conditions are current.

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