Application Procedure for Importation of Dogs and Cats from Group IIIA Countries/Places

Step 1

Microchip implantation

- must be done prior to rabies vaccination and blood sampling

Step 2

Rabies Vaccination

- must be given not less than 30 days and not more than 1 year prior to export
- for primary vaccination, it must be given at 90 days old or above

Step 3

Rabies Neutralising Antibody Titre Test (RNATT)

- blood sample must be taken at least 30 days after the primary rabies vaccination
- blood sampling date must not be less than 90 days and not more than 1 year prior to export
- RNATT must be done by an AFCD approved laboratory, with a satisfactory result of ≥ 0.5IU/ml

Step 4

Vaccination against other diseases

- FULL vaccination against below diseases (please refer to guidelines G122):
  - Dogs: canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis and canine parvovirus
  - Cats: feline panleucopaenia and feline respiratory disease complex
- last vaccination must be given not less than 14 days and not more than 1 year prior to export

Step 5

Reserve quarantine facility

- submit the permit application form (AF240/AF301), quarantine booking form (PC100), vaccination record & RNATT report to AFCD
- after making application and obtaining a reference number from AFCD, your dog/cat will be on the waiting list for a quarantine space in the Government Animal Management Centre. Optionally, you may consider to book a quarantine space at a Licensed Quarantine Centre (LQC)

Step 6

Wait for AFCD's or LQC's confirmation of quarantine booking

- AFCD will contact you and an importation timeslot will be allocated. Your dog/cat must be imported into Hong Kong within the given period
- LQC will contact you directly regarding the available timeslot (if applicable)
- if the vaccinations & RNATT have expired, these must be repeated prior to export

Step 7

Apply for Special/Import Permit

- confirm the allocated timeslot by completing the permit application:
  - ☐ pay the application fee (if applicable)
  - ☐ provide updated RNATT report and vaccination records (if applicable)
  - ☐ provide confirmation proof issued by LQC (if applicable)

Step 8

Arrange transportation

- animals must be transported by the fastest and most direct route to HK
  - by air: as manifested cargo
  - by sea/land: keep in appropriate crate

Step 9

Obtain Animal Health Certificate

- must be issued not more than 7 days prior to export, EITHER by a government vet OR by a registered vet and endorsed by a government vet
- recommend to use the animal health certificate template prepared by AFCD

Step 10

Advance notification of arrival

- notify Duty Officer of AFCD at least 24 hours before the expected arrival time

Step 11

Arrival in Hong Kong & official escort to quarantine facility

- provide the original documents for clearance:
  - ☐ Special/Import Permit
  - ☐ Vaccination records (rabies and other diseases)
  - ☐ RNATT report
  - ☐ Animal Health Certificate
- arrange transportation to transport the animal to the AFCD Animal Management Centre or LQC for minimum 30 days of quarantine
- AFCD staff will escort the transportation process

For details, please read:
https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie_ipab/qua_ie_ipab_idc/qua_ie_ipab_idc_Group_IIIA.html