

Three Categories of Dogs for New Final Rule Importation Requirements (effective August 1, 2024)

Purpose and Audience: To inform general aviation (GA) operators of dog importation requirements effective August 1, 2024.

Effective August 1, 2024, ALL dogs (including service dogs) arriving in the United States must:

- appear healthy **AND**
 - be at least 6 months old **AND**
 - be microchipped **AND**
 - be accompanied by a *CDC Dog Import Form* receipt
 - While this form is required for all dogs, importers of dogs from high-risk countries must complete more questions and upload a photo of their dog.
- Further requirements apply to dogs from high-risk countries. See below.

Additionally, GA operators must obtain a waiver for the air waybill requirement. How to apply for a waiver: www.cdc.gov/importation/php/dog-importation-airlines/index.html

Dog Category	Required Documents for Entry	Validity of Documents	Possible POEs
Dog rabies-free or low-risk country (regardless of vaccination status)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt ONLY. This is the short version of the receipt with only a few questions and no photo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt: Multiple entries for up to 6 months from date of issuance. 	Any POE (air, land, or sea, including pre-clearance ports). POE not listed on <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt.
U.S.-vaccinated from high-risk country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt. This is the long version of the receipt with more questions plus photo AND • One of the two USDA-endorsed veterinary documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred: <i>Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination</i> form • Option only available for dogs that left before July 31, 2025: USDA-endorsed export health certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt: Single entry only on date of arrival listed on receipt. • USDA-endorsed veterinary document: multiple entries for 1 or 3 years, depending on rabies vaccine 	Any POE (air, land, or sea, including pre-clearance ports) as long as it matches POE on <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt.
Foreign-vaccinated from high-risk country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt. This is the long version of the receipt with more questions plus photo AND • <i>Certification of Foreign Rabies Vaccination and Microchip</i> form + a valid serology titer (not required if dog has reservation for 28-day quarantine) AND • Reservation confirmation for a CDC-registered ACF. List of ACFs: www.cdc.gov/acf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt: Single entry only on date of arrival listed on receipt. • <i>Certification of Foreign Rabies Vaccination and Microchip</i> form: valid for 30 days from date of issuance and for single use 	An airport with a CDC-registered ACF, as long as it matches POE on <i>CDC Dog Import Form</i> receipt . The flight must land and the dog must clear Customs at the port with the ACF.

