



Instructions for Requesting a Provisional Waiver

Please note that for purposes of the CDC dog importation requirements, "air carriers" includes ALL aircraft operators, both private and commercial. Dogs, and other animals, are considered cargo even if they travel in the main cabin and are personal pets of passengers.

To receive a provisional waiver that is valid until May 1, 2025, air carriers must send the following language **on company letterhead** signed by a company official with oversight and responsibility for cargo shipments of animals into the United States:

QUOTE

On behalf of [INSERT AIR CARRIER], I am submitting a request for a provisional waiver of the requirement to generate an air waybill for dogs transported as checked baggage or hand-carried baggage as the air carrier listed above does not have the technical ability to do so.

By May 1, 2025, the air carrier listed above will complete the full waiver application based on technical instruction that CDC will provide. The air carrier listed above understands that failure to submit the full waiver application and have it approved by May 1, 2025 will result in expiration of the provisional waiver.

The company official(s) who will serve as our point of contact for handling ill, injured, abandoned, deceased animals, animals on hold, or animals denied entry following arrival in the United States is [NAME, TITLE, PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL]. They or other appropriate representatives will be available to answer questions on a 24/7 basis.

END QUOTE