

330 CMR 3.00: SHIPMENT OF DOGS INTO THE COMMONWEALTH

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3.01: Definitions

Bureau of Animal Health. The Bureau of Animal Health within the Department.

Department. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Food and Agriculture.

Director. Either the Director of the Department's Division of Regulatory Services, or the Chief of the Department's Bureau of Animal Health.

3.02: Shipment In

(1) Health Certificate Required. All dogs shipped or in any way transported into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from any point outside thereof must be accompanied by a health certificate approved by the Livestock Official of the State of origin showing that they are free from all symptoms of infectious, contagious and communicable diseases; that they have not been exposed to rabies and if vaccinated the certificate shall include the date of vaccination.

(2) Rabies. Any dog which originated in an area where rabies has been known to exist within a period of six months prior to importation shall have been properly vaccinated with rabies vaccine within 12 months prior to date of importation and may, at the discretion of the Director, be subject to quarantine at destination for a period of not less than 14 days following arrival within the Commonwealth.

(3) Exemptions. 330 CMR 3.02 shall not apply to any dogs passing through the Commonwealth nor to performing dogs kept under direct control during their stay in the Commonwealth.

3.03: Violation

Any transportation company, person, firm or corporation in Massachusetts receiving dogs which for any reason are not accompanied by a certificate of health as provided in 330 CMR 3.02, shall immediately notify either the local Inspector of Animals or the Bureau of Animal Health. The dogs so received must not be removed from the premises where received except by order of the Director, and in the case of a transportation company or its agent, or off the premises where they are unloaded except by permission obtained from the Director or one of his or her agents.

If, for any cause, dogs are brought within the limits of the Commonwealth in violation of 330 CMR 3.02, it shall be the duty of the local Inspector of Animals of any city or town in which they arrive to quarantine them and to communicate with the office of the Bureau of Animal Health in regard to same.

3.04: Quarantine

Any dog which enters the Commonwealth contrary to 330 CMR 3.02 shall be segregated at the risk and expense of the owner or the person, firm or corporation in whose charge the dog or dogs are held and placed under quarantine for a 90-day period or may be released by order of the Director provided the owner or his authorized representative shall agree to return said dog or dogs immediately to the State in which shipment originated.

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3.05: USDA

The provisions of 330 CMR 3.02 do not apply to dogs which are under the control of the Animal Health Division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

330 CMR 3.00: M.G.L. c. 129, § 2.