



**SCREENING CHAPTER 12
FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY POLICIES**

**AGENDA ITEM 15: NON COMMERCIAL
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I. DEFINITION OF PET ANIMALS AND BASIC PRINCIPLES REGARDING PET ANIMALS



Definition of Pet Animals

- Those accompanied by their owner and looked after at home or office.
- All responsibilities of animals belong to their owners.



Basic principles regarding pet animals as set in Law no. 5199 on Animal Protection

- Animals have the freedom to live under conditions peculiar to their species.
- Animals should be avoided of maltreatment.
- Conditions peculiar to the species should be respected during their care, feeding, sheltering and transport
- Animal shelters and hospitals should be established in compliance with animal welfare rules
- Animal owners are responsible for taking the necessary measures to avoid environmental pollution and prevent detriments and inconveniences.



➤ Introduction of the dangerous animals like Pitbull Terrier and Japanese Tosa is banned



II. MOVEMENTS OF PET ANIMALS WITHIN TURKEY



Pet animals should be

- registered in accordance with Law No:5199 Animal Protection Law
- accompanied by veterinary health report in accordance with the Law no. 3285 Animal Health Control



III. INTRODUCTION OF PET ANIMALS INTO TURKEY



Three forms

- Free if accompanied by the passenger (Customs Law)
 - ✓ 1 cat or 1 dog or 1 bird or 10 aquarium fish
- Importation: if number of animals is more than above figures, considered as commercial movement
 - ✓ Import procedures apply and Control Document (SPS) issued by General Directorate of Protection and Control (GDPC) is required
- Temporary import: in case of special circumstances such as circus, horse races etc. without having a permanent Control Document provided that taxes for stay period is paid



IV. HEALTH CONDITIONS FOR PET ANIMALS INTRODUCED INTO TURKEY



Documents and conditions defined in Implementing Regulation on Animal Health Control

➤ Accompanying Animals should have

- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Certificate of Origin
- Vaccination Document
- Identification Card



Conditions

- The animals must be clinically examined and found to be fit and healthy and showing no signs of contagious or infectious disease.

- In case of dogs, they must have been vaccinated against
 - ✓ Canine Parvovirus
 - ✓ Leptospirosis
 - ✓ Hepatitis
 - ✓ Canine Distemper
 - ✓ Rabies at least 1 month ago



➤ In case of cats,

- ✓ they must have been vaccinated against rabies at least 1 months ago
- ✓ they must be older than 4 months of age.
- ✓ immunization period of Rabies must not be over.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION