



**GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
VETERINARY AND ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT  
DUNSCOMBE ALLEY, GRAND TURK  
TEL: (649) 946-2801; FAX (649) 946-2411  
e-mail: [tc.envhealth@tcipay.tc](mailto:tc.envhealth@tcipay.tc)**

**CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF RABBITS**

**The following conditions must be met before entry into the territory can be granted:**

1. Animal(s) must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** issued by the **\*Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating: -
  - a) That the country of origin has been free from Tularemia, Myxomatosis and Viral Haemorrhagic Disease of rabbits for at least one year.
  - b) That there have been no cases of Rabies in the establishment of origin for twelve (12) months prior to shipment.
  - c) That the rabbits originate from establishments that are regularly inspected by the Government Veterinarian and have maintained high standards.
  - d) That the rabbits are born and bred or have been reared for at least twelve months in country from which the animals are exported.
  - e) That animal(s) was/were treated against internal and external parasites (particularly Coccidiosis and ear mange)
  - f) That the rabbit(s) was/were examined and found free from clinical diseases prior to export.
2. The rabbit(s) must be found clinically healthy on arrival at the port of entry.
3. **All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, Laboratory Test results, etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance. Failure to comply can result in animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**
4. The Veterinary Unit must be given at least 48 hrs. notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This is to avoid delays in the clearance of the animal(s) at the port of entry.

5. In the event that during the course of transporting the animal, it was trans-shipped via another country and remained there for twenty-four (24) hours and over, a veterinary certificate from the competent authority or from the quarantine Officer must be obtained stating that the said animal(s) did not leave the quarantine area, noting the period of time in quarantine and the condition of the animal.
6. Animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry into the territory. Failure to do so can result in entry being denied.

**\* An Official Health Certificate is a document issued and certified by a veterinarian working full time with the Government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). It is deemed valid for 30days after the date of issue.**

These conditions are subject to changes. Kindly ensure that you obtain an import permit for all animals you wish to bring into the Territory.

---

VETERINARIAN

---

DATE