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Guide for Pet Travel

1. Make sure your pet is **not** on the embargo list
<https://www.cathaycargo.com/Default.aspx?tabID=718&language=en-US>
2. To ensure that pet shipments are handled safely according to the International Air Transport Association Live Animal Regulations (IATA LAR), direct booking of pet shipments with Cathay Cargo will only be accepted from any one of the following parties with effect from 01 September 2025.
 - Member of the [International Pet and Animal Transportation Association \(IPATA\)](#) or [Animal Transport Association \(ATA\)](#)
 - [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#) Accredited Freight Forwarder
 - Holder of valid **IATA Live Animals Regulations (LAR) training certificate**

You may work with any one of the pet travel agents from the linked directories above.

3. When moving or travelling with brachycephalic (snub-nosed) animals, you are required to work with an [IPATA certified BOAS \(snub-nosed\) pet shipper](#) to ensure they meet all conditions of travel.
4. Prepare the required health and travel documents for your pet shipment. Please refer to *Appendix A* of this document and any advice from your pet travel agent of choice.
5. Start looking for a suitable container in accordance with the IATA Live Animals Regulations. Please refer to *Appendix B1 and B2* of this document and any advice from your pet travel agent of choice.

Appendices

Appendix A – Pets Travel Documentation

The following information applies mainly to domestic dogs and cats. To obtain further information and advice, please contact your pet travel agent of choice.

Special arrangements apply to brachycephalic (snub-nosed) breeds. Please approach an [IPATA certified BOAS \(snub-nosed\) pet shipper](#) for arrangement.

The majority of countries require the following documentation for pets travelling to or via their territory:

- Valid import/export permits from the relevant authority of the countries.
- Valid health certificate from a registered veterinarian, stating that the pet is free from rabies and any other diseases.
- Valid vaccination record to show that the pet has received all necessary vaccinations.
- Any additional documentation or validations required by the destination country.
- Transit permits and any other documentation required by the relevant authority of all transit countries.

Some countries require your pet to be microchipped and/or quarantined. Please ensure that you are fully aware of the specific requirements of your destination country.

Please note that these requirements vary from country to country and are subject to change.

Please check with local authorities for specific documentary requirements of the destination country and any transit countries, please refer to the publications or websites of local authorities.

For export pet shipment from Hong Kong, please refer to the website of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Government of the HKSAR for details:
https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie.html

For destination importing requirement, please refer to the IATA Pet's Travel Corner for details:
<https://www.iata.org/en/programs/cargo/live-animals/pets>

Appendix B1 – Kennel Requirements

The construction and design of the containers must comply with the IATA Live Animals Regulations. In general, containers must be appropriately sized, well-ventilated, rigid and fitted with solid and leakproof flooring. In addition, they must comply with the following regulations:

- Containers must be constructed from fibre-glass, metal, rigid plastics or welded metal mesh. No wooden cage is allowed.
- Foldable container fixing by removable pin will not be accepted for carriage as it is not a rigid design.
- Containers made entirely of welded mesh or wire mesh will not be accepted.
- Containers must be clean and leak-proof.
- Any wheels attached to the container must be removed.
- Animals must be able to stand, turn and lie down in a natural manner.
- Containers must be adequately ventilated, ventilation must be provided on all 4 sides of the container. Ventilation openings on the sides and the back must be placed over the upper two thirds of the container. The door must be ventilated from the top to the bottom.
- The maximum size openings in the welded mesh is 25 mm x 25 mm (1 inch x 1 inch) for dog's container, and 19 mm x 19 mm ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch x $\frac{3}{4}$ inch) for cat's container. All openings must be nose and paw-proof.
- Water container must be present within the container with outside access for refilling.
- Water container must be open on the top surface allowing the animal unrestricted access and must be securely affixed to the inside of the shipping container.
- Water bottles or similar dispensers that are attached either inside or outside the shipping containers are not considered to be open containers.
- Separate food and water troughs should be provided and easily accessible for replenishment in case of delay.
- All feeding and watering instructions must be provided in writing and affixed to the outside of the container.

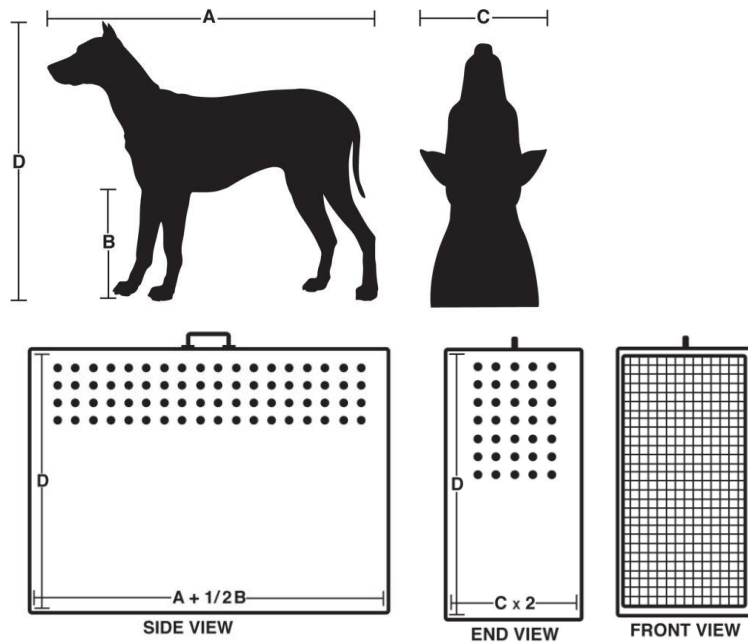


For Cat: Smaller than 19mm x 19mm
For Dog: Smaller than 25mm x 25mm

Appendix B2 – Kennel size – An example

It is important you purchase the right sized container for your dog or cat. The following indications are to ensure pet has enough space to turn about normally while standing, to stand and sit erect, and to lie in a natural position.

Special arrangements apply to brachycephalic (snub-nosed) breeds. Please approach [any of the following pet agents](#) for arrangement.



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- A. From the tip of the nose to the root of the tail
- B. From the elbow to the ground
- C. The width of the dog at the widest point
- D. From the floor to the tip of the ears or the top of the head, whichever is higher. Ears must not touch the top of the kennel when animal standing naturally

Calculation of kennel's dimension

$A + \frac{1}{2} B = \text{Length}$

$C \times 2 = \text{Width}$

$D = \text{Height}$

Above dimensions are internal measurements. Kennel not meeting these criteria will be refused uplift. You may use the spreadsheet for calculation purpose from the link below:

[https://www.cathaycargo.com/Download/tabid/283/language/en-US/Default.aspx?f=DownloadLeaflet_2394_Calculation%20Guideline%20for%20Acceptable%20Dimensions%20of%20Container%202021-04-22\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$.xlsx_en-US_2.xlsx](https://www.cathaycargo.com/Download/tabid/283/language/en-US/Default.aspx?f=DownloadLeaflet_2394_Calculation%20Guideline%20for%20Acceptable%20Dimensions%20of%20Container%202021-04-22$$$$$.xlsx_en-US_2.xlsx)