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Notice on the change of the procedure regarding non-commercial movement of up to 5 animals accompanying Ukrainian citizens entering the EU from Ukraine through the external Polish border in connection with the ongoing military conflict.

The Chief Veterinary Officer informs that, from 27 March 2023 onward, the 'Chief Veterinary Officer's temporary procedure' from 14 July 2022 is no longer in effect.

From 27 March 2023, up to 5 animals accompanying their owners travelling from the territory of Ukraine must fulfil the following requirements demanded by the law of the European Union:

1. Dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*), cats (*Felis silvestris catus*), ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*)

The animals of the aforementioned species being moved to the member states of the EU can accompany travelling persons **when all EU requirements are fulfilled**, that is:

- 1) the animal has been properly identified with a microchip
- 2) the animal has been inoculated against rabies and the inoculation is still valid (<https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/nadzor-weterynaryjny/szczepienie-na-wscieklizne>)
- 3) the animal has a current serological test to determine the titre of rabies antibodies (<https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/nadzor-weterynaryjny/badanie-poziomu-przeciwcial>)
- 4) the animal is equipped with a health certificate compliant with the model defined in EU law (<https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/nadzor-weterynaryjny/swiadectwo-zdrowia>), or in certain cases has a valid passport issued by one of the member states of the EU (<https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/nadzor-weterynaryjny/dokumenty-identyfikacyjne>)

In order to facilitate movement into the territory of the EU, until revoked, the Polish services will not require a 90-day waiting period from the moment of taking the blood sample to the conclusion of the examination of the rabies antibody titre, if the result of the examination is satisfactory (> 0.5 IU/ml) and noted in the animal's health certificate.

The Ukrainian veterinary officer should cross out the appropriate statement pertaining to the 90-day waiting period, signing it and placing a named stamp on the periphery of the crossed-out statement.

The document confirming the examination must be attached to the health certificate.

2. Other animal species moved as companions (birds/avians, rodents, rabbits, amphibians, reptiles, ornamental marine animals, invertebrates)

- a) **birds:** <https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/nadzor-weterynaryjny/ptaki>
- b) **domestic rabbits:** <https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/nadzor-weterynaryjny/kroliki-domowe>
- c) **other animals:** <https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/handel-eksport-import/pozostale-zwierzeta>