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Preparing Pets for Overseas PCS Move: Required Documentation

In addition to your travel orders, please have two copies (per pet) of the following required forms which can be found at http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/r_doc.aspx.

1. Rabies Vaccination (INACTIVATED) Certificate (DD Form 2208).
2. Health Certificate (MDJOP Form 2209 / MDJ OP Form6). The health certificate cannot be older than 10 days. If there is a layover that will cause your health certificate to expire, then a new health certificate must be obtained. This form is for use by military veterinarians only! No endorsement is required if done by VCO/GS veterinarian. NAF veterinarians will require APHIS endorsement.

Health Certificate (APHIS Form 7001) may be used but will require the additional use of GOJ AQS forms A and C. This form must be used by civilian veterinarians. All forms must be endorsed by APHIS. The endorsed health certificate is good for 30 days but must be supplemented with a health certificate which is less than 10 days old. While this form may be used by military veterinarians, confusion about endorsement can arise so the use of MDJOP Form 2209 is encouraged.

Health Certificates for Pets from Rabies Free Countries: These health certificates are to be used for pets that will be traveling to Japan from designated Rabies Free Countries including Taiwan, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, and Guam.

3. Japan Ministry of Agriculture Advance Notification Forms (needed for commercial flights). Required for check-in and arrival in Japan. Submit as soon as transportation arrangements and vaccination is complete. Please annotate in the "Remarks" column this statement: "This pet belongs to a US SOFA sponsored family and will be assigned to (list installation)."
4. Pet Quarantine and Examination Certificate MDJ Form 270. The MDJ 270 allows your pet to be released to you for transportation to your US Military Quarantine Facility. You are required to submit the form to your US Military Veterinary Treatment Facility within 72 hours of entry into Japan.
5. 380 EJ Form (Customs Free Import or Export of Cargo or Customs Declaration of Personal Property): This form is needed when your pet(s) enters Japan through a civilian airport separately as freight and on a different flight than you. You may obtain the form by having your PCS sponsor in Japan take a copy of your orders to the transportation office at your gaining installation. The base transportation officer will sign the appropriate box after verifying your orders.
6. Travel orders (redact PII), rabies vaccination, health certificates, Japan Ministry of Agriculture Advance Notification Forms must be attached to the outside of the airline kennel (Ziploc bag works best). Label the bag: "Export/Import Pet Documents."