Animal & Plant Health Agency

Rabies Serology | Sample Reception
APHA Weybridge
Woodham Lane, New Haw,
Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3NB
Tel: 03000 600022| Email: lab.services@apha.gov.uk
Web: www.gov.uk/apha

APHA USE ONLY	
Date Received	
APHA SUBMISSION REFERENCE	

Request for determination of antibodies against rabies

Submitting Veterinary Practice

Practice Name
Batt Laboratories Ltd

Address
University of Warwick Science Park
The Venture Centre
Sir William Lyons Road, Coventry

Postcode: CV4 7EZ

Telephone Number (inc.international dialling code)

Email Address

Test Required

TC0712 Reduced Titration# ☐ TC0570 Full Titration ☐

#Suitable for Pet Travel Schemes including the EU and Australia

Your report will be emailed to you free of charge.
Please indicate if you would also like your report sent:
By Post* ☐ **By Courier*** ☐ **Without charging preview*** ☐

Are any extra reports required?
E-mail ☐

Email Address

Post* ☐ **Courier*** ☐

Address

Postcode:

Please note that there will be an additional charge for these services (TC0802 – additional or postal report)

Signature of Submitting Veterinary Surgeon

Name in BLOCK letters

Date

Invoicing and Payments

The submitting Veterinary Practice will be invoiced for testing and are responsible for all payments. If you would like a third party to pay for testing, you will need to facilitate this yourselves.

Owner's Name and Address

Owner's Name

Address

Postcode:

Email Address

Animal Details

Animal's Name

Microchip Number

AVID Microchip Number (if applicable)

Species

Breed

Age Sex

Date of sampling and microchip reading:

Date of vaccination:

Vaccine manufacturer and batch no:

Date of Travel (optional)

Destination Country (optional)

Find submission details and guidance notes

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Guidance Notes: Submitting samples to APHA for Rabies Serology

The APHA Rabies Laboratory is an OIE Reference Laboratory and an EU-approved laboratory for rabies serology. Rabies testing at APHA is accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 (UKAS accreditation number 1769). **Please note incomplete submission forms will result in a delay to testing.**

Completing the VLARAB1 submission form

- The current form should be used and can be downloaded from here: http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/surveillance/forms/form-vlarab1.pdf.
- This form should only be used for rabies post vaccination serology in animals.
- This form should not be used if there is a suspicion of clinical rabies. In the UK, any suspicion of rabies must be reported to APHA by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. See https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/notifiable-diseases-in-animals for more information.
- Use one submission form per animal.
- The test result will not be valid for the Pet Travel Scheme unless the submission form is completed in full and signed by the submitting veterinary surgeon.
- Test reports are sent only to the submitting practice unless otherwise requested on the submission form. Duplicate reports may subsequently be provided but only with the written consent of the submitting veterinary surgeon.
- The animal's microchip number must be read before the blood is taken.
- Two test formats are available at APHA, both provide a result in IU/ml. Samples with a titre greater than the end point of the assay will be reported as ≥ the upper limit of the test.
    - TC0712 - reduced dilution test. Report accepted for Pet Travel Schemes including EU and Australia. This test will be used unless indicated otherwise on the submission form.
    - TC0570 - full titration test. Serum samples with high antibody levels can be titrated using an end point titration test. This must be specifically requested on the submission form and incurs an increased charge and test turnaround time.
- The test turnaround times for both tests (TC0712 and TC0570) is 20 working days.
- An antibody level greater than, or equal to 0.5IU/ml is considered an adequate response to vaccination for the purposes of pet travel.

Submitting the samples to APHA

- A minimum of 1ml serum (preferable) or 2ml clotted blood should be sent in a plain tube, marked with the owner's name, animal's name and microchip number.
- Please send the sample(s) with completed submission form(s) in an insulated leak-proof container (IATA packing instructions 650) and label the package with the following:

    1. Canine/feline serum samples - no commercial value.
    2. Category 3 Veterinary diagnostic specimens - not restricted.

Additional Requirements for samples submitted from non-EU countries

- Submissions must be accompanied by an import licence (Appendix 1) and labelled as follows:
    1. Canine/feline serum samples - no commercial value.
    2. Category 3 Veterinary diagnostic specimens - not restricted.
    3. Packaged in accordance with IATA Packing Instructions 650.

4. Import Licence ITIMP25.0800.
5. Country of origin (your country).

- Please indicate a maximum value of the goods of $1. Failure to do so may result in additional importation charges. APHA will not accept any additional charges - these must be paid by the customer.

- A cover letter on headed note paper must also be enclosed, signed by the submitting veterinary surgeon and describing the contents of the package (i.e. number of submitted serum samples per species). The letter must also include a 'Freedom from Disease Declaration' stating the following:

  i) The serum is not derived from an animal known or suspected to be infected with a pathogen which causes a notifiable disease to which the animal from which the serum is derived is susceptible according to European Regulations* or the Animal Health Regulations of the exporting country; and

  ii) That the serum does not originate from an animal in a premise or region or zone of a country that is subject to official restrictions due to a notifiable disease to which the animals are susceptible according to European or other National Animal Health Regulations.

  *Council Directive 82/894/EEC of 21 December 1982 (as amended) on the notification of animal diseases within the Community.

Send your completed submission form and sample to:

Rabies Serology/Sample Reception
Animal and Plant Health Agency
Woodham Lane
New Haw, Addlestone
Surrey, KT15 3NB
United Kingdom

Additional Information

- For general information on Pet Travel Schemes, visit Defra's website at https://www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad.
- For specific advice on Pet Travel Scheme requirements please contact the importing country's authority directly ,or contact the APHA PETS helpline:

  Email: pettravel@apha.gov.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)370 241 1710
- For testing enquiries contact our Laboratory Services Team:
  Email: lab.services@apha.gov.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)3000 600022
- For current test prices and additional charges please visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/laboratory-test-price-lists.
- APHA may use samples and test data for training, research and surveillance purposes but without compromising client confidentiality.

DATA PROTECTION

For information on how we handle personal data please go to www.gov.uk and search Animal and Plant Health Agency Personal Information Charter.

Authorisation No:	ITIMP25.0800

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Commission Regulation (EU) 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive **("Regulation 142/2011")**
The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011
Animal By-products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013

AUTHORISATION FOR THE IMPORTATION FROM THIRD COUNTRIES OF RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLES

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this authorisation issued under Article 27 of Regulation (EU) 142/2011, authorises:

Professor Dan Horton Animal and Plant Health Agency Woodham Lane New Haw Addlestone Surrey KT15 3NB	*Name and full address of importer responsible for consignment*
	Full address of destination premises (if different from importer)

to land in England, in accordance with the conditions set out below,

Canine, Feline and Mustelidae Whole blood, Plasma and Serum, intended for particular studies or analyses only. (Not for resale).	*Product*

from

All countries Outside of the EU	*Countries of origin*

at

All ports and airports in England	*Ports of entry*

This licence expires on 2 years less one day from the date of signature. After this date the licence should have either been renewed if required and deleted or cancelled and archived.

Dated:16 July 2025

Signed:

Name: Andrew Lee

Officer of the Animal and Plant Health Agency
authorised by the Secretary of State.

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THIS AUTHORISATION

1. This authorisation is valid for multiple consignments and the net weight per consignment must not exceed 1 Kg.

2. Any breach of these conditions must be reported to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

Packaging

3. The material must be packed in leak-proof sealed containers.

4. All inner and outer packaging must be swabbed with suitable disinfectant before leaving the exporting address.

5. Irrespective of the mode of transport, all specimens must be packaged so that they fully comply with the requirements of relevant Post Office or International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations.

6. The packaging must be clearly labelled to indicate the nature of the product, that this is intended for *in vitro* se for research and that it is **not** for human or animal consumption.

Import Documentation

7. Each consignment must be accompanied by a copy of this import authorisation and aTRTA commercial document which must confirm:

   The description of the material and the animal species of origin;

   i. The category, 1, 2 or 3, of the material as defined in Articles 8, 9 or 10 of retained Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009[1];

   ii. The quantity of the material;

   iii. The place of origin and the place of despatch of the material;

   iv. The name and the address of the consignor;

   v. The name and address of the consignee and/or user;

8. Each consignment must be accompanied by a signed and dated declaration completed by a veterinarian, on official paper, confirming that:

   i. the products are not derived from animals known or suspected to be infected with a pathogen which causes a notifiable disease to which the animals from which the products are derived are susceptible according to retained European Regulations2 or the Animal Health Regulations of the exporting country; and

   ii. the products do not originate from animals in a premises or region or zone of a country that is subject to official restrictions due to a notifiable disease to which the animals are susceptible according to European or other National Animal Health Regulations.

   iii. n/a

[1] https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2009/1069/title/I/chapter/I/section/4
[2] https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eudr/1982/894

Transportation

9. The consignment must be sent directly from the point of entry into Great Britain to the authorised user at the destination address on page 1.

10. The material must be transported, handled and labelled in accordance with the Animal By-products Regulations.

11. The transporter and destination address must be registered or approved (see note E) in accordance with the relevant Animal By-Products (Enforcement) Regulations, (ABPE) before commencing operations.

12. The products must remain in their original wrapping at all times until their arrival at the destination address on page 1.

Storage, Use and Handling

13. Users shall take all necessary measures to avoid the spreading of diseases communicable to humans or animals during the handling of the materials under their control, in particular by way of the application of good laboratory practice.

14. The samples and material derived from the samples shall be for in vitro use only.

15. Samples must be handled and stored under containment level conditions which are appropriate to the risks presented by the product. This should be determined by the operator, following a suitable risk assessment, in accordance with The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002.

16. None of the material to which this authorisation relates shall be used for human consumption under any circumstances.

17. Any subsequent use of these products for purposes other than those referred to in point 38 of annex 1 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, is prohibited.

18. Importers shall keep a register of consignments of samples imported under this authorisation, which should contain the information referred to in condition 7 above as well as the date and method of disposal.

19. Unless they are kept for reference purposes, transferred or re-dispatched to the third country of origin, research and diagnostic material, products derived from their use and waste shall be disposed of appropriately, in accordance with The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011/The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 or Animal By-Product Regulations (Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and Regulation (EU) 142/2011).

Transfer of Material

20. Any transfer of material from the authorised user to any other user must be pre-authorised by APHA

NOTES

A. When expired or exhausted this authorisation is to be deleted or cancelled and archived.

B. Please note that while this authorisation was current at the time of its issue, conditions can be subject to frequent change and importers are advised to check the latest position with Animal and Plant Health Agency, Imports Team, Carlisle, at the address below.

C. It is the responsibility of the importer to follow good laboratory practice standards and to prevent the sample entering the environment in any manner.

D. In accordance with Annex VIII, Chapter III, point 5 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, all records and related documentation associated with material imported under this authorisation must be kept for a minimum of 24 months for presentation to the competent authority.

E. For information on registration/approval, please see the website: https://www.gov.uk/animal-by-product-categories-site-approval-hygiene-and-disposal#getting-your-site-approved-or-registered

F. References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023), and can be viewed on the UK legislation website (legislation.gov.uk)

Further information regarding changes to the import controls from an EU country from 31 January 2024 can be found on GOV.UK at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/risk-categories-for-animal-and-animal-product-imports-to-great-britain

CAUTION

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any import covered by this authorisation complies with the terms and conditions as set out. If you cannot comply with any of the conditions above, please contact the APHA Imports Team.

Any breach of any conditions attached to this Authorisation will constitute an offence against regulation 39 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 (as amended) or regulation 17 of the Animal By-products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 and Animal By-products (Enforcement) (Wales) Regulations 2014 or regulation 18 of the Animal By-products (Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Centre for International Trade – Carlisle
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Lowther Street,
Carlisle, CA3 8DX Tel: 03000 200 301 Email: imports@apha.gov.uk