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TO: All Commanders, Air Passenger Terminals, and AMC Navy Operated Air Terminals.

SUBJECT: Updated Dog Health Screening Requirements Due to New World Screwworm (NWS) Outbreak

PURPOSE: Provide guidance for Passenger Service Agents (PSA) on dog NWS health screening requirements

DISCUSSION: Recent outbreaks of NWS have made the pet health screening process more vital than ever to protect public health and prevent further spread of this parasitic disease. Dogs arriving from NWS-affected countries must have documentation certifying they are free of NWS. These NWS requirements only apply to dogs coming from NWS affected countries. A list of NWS affected countries is available at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel/another-country-to-us-import/dogs/disease-status?page=1>. While no official template exists, exporting countries may issue this certification as a standalone document or integrate it into the export health certificate. Port of entry officials will inspect the dog and review all documentation. An official government veterinarian from the departing country or a U.S. Army veterinarian must sign the health certificate.

The health certificate must explicitly state the following:

- The animal was inspected for NWS within 5 days of travel to the United States.
- The animal is confirmed to be free of NWS infestation **or**
- The animal was infested with NWS, held in quarantine, and treated until free of NWS before leaving the region

Failure to verify these specific statements on the health certificate could result in the denial of entry for the dog at its destination and the dog returned to the country of departure at the owner's expense.

POLICY: Effective immediately, terminals will review current policy on pet health screening documentation requirements, to include required screening items (e.g., rabies, NWS) and ensure PSAs are aware of these requirements prior to accepting pets for travel. PSAs will review the attached USDA guidance for more detailed information on NWS at the link <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel/another-country-to-us-import/dogs>.

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