

Gentlemen,

In contributing from our end to the justified actions of the **Ministry of Reconstruction of Production, Environment and Energy** for the implementation of the companion animals 'legislation and in a further effort to restrict the phenomenon of the stray animals and their abuse in general, we submit the encyclical No. 2963/87735/ 007.08.2015 and we kindly ask to please inform all customs stations for its accurate and immediate compliance.

In particular, we highlight the point of the encyclical that is setting out the following:

It is not allowed to enter the Greek territory animals aged less than twelve (12) weeks old and not vaccinated for rabies or between 12 and 16 weeks that are vaccinated against rabies but do not yet meet the requirements of the effect of the vaccination for rabies.

Here is the entire encyclical:

- [Υγειονομικοί και άλλοι όροι που εφαρμόζονται στις μη εμπορικού χαρακτήρα μετακινήσεις ζώων συντροφιάς \(07.08.15\)](#)

Health and other requirements applicable to the non-commercial transportation of the companion animals (07.08.15)

- http://www.minagric.gr/images/stories/docs/politis/Zoa_Syntrofias/egkiklios2963_87735_2015.pdf

and we kindly request that from now on any pet under 12 weeks old to not be imported in our country.

Unfortunately it is very common the fact that in pet-shops, imported pets are sold younger than 12 weeks old in violation of the legislation, which means that they are imported very often even animals of one month old.

We also kindly request the respective departments of the **Ministry of Reconstruction of Production, Environment and Energy** to inform immediately and in writing all the veterinary services of the country to carry out, without any further delay, stricter controls and impose the appropriate penalties to the pet-shops in their area, wherever such incidents are found, and to inform their owners also in writing for the provision of our legislation.

Finally, we kindly ask the responsible political and police authorities of the Ministry of Citizen Protection to inform the local Police authorities.

In hope of the above and in the common effort to control the violation of the laws in relation to imports of companion animals,

Yours sincerely,

The PanHellenic Animal Welfare and Environmental Federation (54 Associations) and
The PanHellenic Steering Committee (132 Associations)