

## EK Operator Variations, IATA LAR (eff. 25 Oct 2013)

**EK-01** All animals, including insects and baby poultry, but excluding live aquatics, crustaceans, worms, snails, mollusks transported on Emirates, are subject to advance arrangements and approvals (minimum four working days are required to process inquiries); the listed excepted animals remain subject to the transportation requirements as prescribed in these Regulations.

**Note:** Acceptance and transportation of shipments of live animals to/from other airlines is also subject to prior arrangements and approval (minimum six working days are required to process inquiries).

**EK-02** Emirates will not accept animals as checked baggage, except for falcons, cats, dogs (certain breed restrictions apply, refer EK-05) and pet birds (restrictions in EK-06 apply).

**EK-03** Emirates will accept the following animals in cabin:

- Falcons - only on Pakistan routes. Operator's prior approval is required if the number of falcons to be carried in cabin exceeds 15 heads or if falcons are required to be transported in the passenger cabin on other than Pakistan routes.
- Properly trained "service" dogs - only on the US and Canada routes.

**EK-04** For all animals, the optimum temperature requirement must be reflected on the travel containers and for those transported under cargo mode, additionally in the Handling Information Box of the Air Waybill; the wording for reflecting the temperature requirement must be as follows: "**Keep between X and Y degrees Celsius whenever possible during transportation and storage**", where X and Y are respectively the minimum and the maximum recommended temperatures.

**EK-05** Acceptance of dogs and cats is governed by the following restrictions:

- Emirates will not accept dogs and cats less than four months of age
- Emirates will not accept the following breeds of fighting/dangerous dogs or their crosses:
  - Bull Terrier (aka Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Irish Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Irish Blue, Red Nose, American Bulldog)
  - Bull Mastiff
  - Japanese Tosa (aka Tosa Inu or Tosa Fighting Dog)
  - Dogo Argentino (aka Argentinian Mastiff or Argentinian Fighting Dog)
  - Fila Brasileiro (aka Fila Brasileiro, Brazilian Mastiff, Brazilian Fighting Dog)
  - Wolf-Dog hybrids
- Emirates will not accept the following brachycephalic (snub nosed) breeds:
  - French Bulldog
  - English Bulldog
- The following breeds can be very strong and dangerous and will be accepted only in high-quality, strong, reinforced custom built containers:
  - Presa Canario\* (aka Presa, Dogo Canario)
  - Boerboel
  - Neapolitan Mastiff\*
  - English Mastiff\*
  - French Mastiff\* (aka Dog de Bordeaux)
  - Karabash (aka Kangal)

- Caucasian Ovcharka
- Rottweiler
- Bandog \* (some dogs can be brachycephalic)

**Note:** The breeds marked with an asterisk (\*) are also in brachycephalic (snub nosed) and therefore the following requirement for such animals is also applicable.

- Emirates will accept in winter months (1 October - 30 April) the following breeds of brachycephalic (snub nosed) dogs and cats (these animals, variably, are susceptible to increased risk of heat stroke when exposed to stress or temperatures above 21oC, breathing difficulties or increased travel stress) under indemnity and only in a container one size bigger than the animal’s normal measurements require:

Dogs	Cats
Boston Terrier Boxer Brussels Griffon (Petite Brabancon) Chinese Pug Chow Chow Dutch Pug (Mopshond, Mops Hund, Carlino) English Toy Spaniel (King Charles Spaniel) Valley Bulldog French Mastiff (Dog de Bordeaux) Lhasa Apso Japanese Chin (Chin, Japanese Spaniel, Japanese Pug) Pekingese Pug Shar-Pei Shih Tzu Tibetan Spaniel	American Burmese Exotic Himalayan Persian British Shorthair

**Note:** Acceptance of the above breeds and their crosses in summer (1 May – 30 September) is subject case to case approvals. All the other conditions as above also apply.

**Container size guidelines for snub-nosed animals:**

- Ready-made plastic crates should be one size larger than the pet size requires.
- INTERNAL dimensions for made-to-measure crates:

**Length:** pet length + 50% of leg length + 7 cm (this means MIN 17 cm additional)

**Width:** 3 x pet width

**Height:** pet height + 10 cm

**EK-06** Acceptance of Wild and Endangered species and parts thereof is governed by the following restrictions:

- Emirates will not accept non-acclimatised wild-caught animals;
- Endangered species listed in the CITES list I Chapter 6 and all primates can be accepted only as cargo and only if the shipper or shipper’s agent certifies in writing that the animals are born and bred in captivity and the transportation is performed between qualified zoological gardens/societies, wild parks and recognised wildlife protection centres, intended for conservation or breeding purpose. Such transportation is restricted to EK online services only.
- Products and parts of endangered animals and plants listed in CITES list I Chapter 6 will not be accepted. This is also applicable to hunting trophies.
- Emirates will not accept shark fins for transport on its flights.

**Note:** Acceptance of animals listed in CITES list II of Chapter 6 is subject to special/prior approval.

**EK-07** Emirates will not accept animals with the following behaviour:

- Sedation/tranquilisation, unless it's administered on certain animals transported between qualified zoological gardens/societies, wild parks and recognised wildlife protection centres, intended for conservation or breeding purpose. In this case a certificate from qualified veterinarian doctor, describing the medication and dosage administered, must be provided by the shipper.
- Offensive or aggressive behaviour. American Pit Bull Terriers (Pit Bull) will not be accepted under any conditions. Crossbreeds are excepted.

**EK-08** To protect animal welfare, Emirates has established special arrangements for handling animals in transit via Dubai:

- When animals transiting Dubai are transported as checked baggage, the flight connection time must not exceed six hours.
- When animals transiting Dubai are transported as cargo, the flight connection time must be not less than six hours.

**Note:** With exception of wild and other animals sensitive to containment for which connection time must be not less than four hours; and all other shipments with each leg less than six hours or total flying time less than eight hours, in which case only minimum transit time (to be decided on case to case basis) will be required.

- The Total Transportation Time (the total flying and ground time at intermediate points) for any birds, including baby poultry, must not exceed 17 hours.
- Due to harsh climatic conditions (heat), no birds, including baby poultry, but with exception of falcons, will be accepted for transit via Dubai between 1 May and 30 September.
- All warm blooded animals, whose Total Transportation Time exceeds 17 hours, will be accepted for carriage on Emirates only as cargo and subject to mandatory transit rest arrangements (involving mandatory rest time, as recommended) at the Dubai Intl. Airport. Transit charges apply and are to be born by the shipper/ consignee.

The following arrangements are applicable only to animals transported as cargo:

- Emirates reserves the right to decide on the level and duration of rest required for warm blooded animals transported under cargo mode and involving less than 17 hours, if required from animal welfare point of view.
- In addition to the requirements of the International Industry Rules and Regulations, shippers must provide the following minimum information for all animals to be accepted for carriage on EK:
- For dogs and cats, nick name and breed name (nick name to be shown on the animal's travel container).
- Individual animal weight, age, sex.
- Details of any prior ground or air transportation, immediately before the planned air carriage and its duration.

**Note:** the 24 hour emergency contact number must always be shown on the animal's travel container and in the Handling Information Box of the Air Waybill.

**EK-09** Emirates will not accept the following animals due to their nature:

- Poisonous animals including poisonous reptiles and insects, unless transported between qualified zoological gardens/societies, wild parks and recognised wildlife protection centres, intended for conservation or breeding purpose, and packaged and prepared for carriage strictly as per requirements of these Regulations.
- Obnoxious animals (known to produce offensive odours), e.g. minks, skunks. Sheep and goats will be accepted for carriage on passenger services in quantities not exceeding more than two adult animals per flight. Larger quantities can be carried only on freighter services.
- Pigs.

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**EK-10** Emirates will not accept warm blooded animals intended for laboratory purposes, except rats and mice.

**EK-11** Emirates will not be liable for any loss or expenses arising from death of animals due to natural causes or death or injury caused by the conduct of the animal itself.

**EK-12** The shipper is required to declare when animals are pregnant, or have given birth in the last 48 hours. EK will not accept pregnant animals beyond 1/3 of their normal pregnancy duration (wild and domestic alike).

The following must be provided by the shipper when the animal is declared pregnant:

- A veterinarian certificate from a recognised veterinarian clinic certifying how far along the animal is pregnant (days/weeks/months) and what portion of its pregnancy it's in (e.g. 1/3, 2/3 or 3/3).
- For animals that are in 1/3 of their pregnancy, the certificate must certify that the animal is fit to travel and there is no risk of birth occurring during the journey.

**EK-13** Exceptions to EK-05, EK-06 and EK-08 must be approved by Emirates Cargo Management in Headquarters, through local Emirates SkyCargo offices.

Assistance, as well as information about other existing country restrictions and embargoes can be obtained from the local Emirates offices.