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Onderwerp:

Import requirements for rabbits.

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In order to import a **domestic rabbit** to **Curaçao** the animal has to comply with the following:

1. It has to be accompanied by an international veterinary certificate issued by the Veterinary Authority and signed by the official veterinarian designated by the Veterinary Authority and endorsed by the Veterinary Authority with a validity of not more than 2 (two) weeks, attesting that the animals:
 - a. showed no clinical sign of neither myxomatosis nor Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) on the day of shipment;
 - b. were kept since birth, or for the six months prior to shipment, in an establishment where no case of myxomatosis was officially reported during that period.

AND

 - c. were kept in a RHD free establishment where no clinical case of RHD was found when inspected by an Official Veterinarian immediately prior to shipment;

OR

 - i. were kept in an establishment where no case of RHD was reported during the 60 days prior to shipment and no clinical case of RHD was found when inspected by an Official Veterinarian immediately prior to shipment; and
 - ii. were kept in an establishment where no animal has been vaccinated against RHD; and
 - iii. were kept in an establishment where breeding rabbits (at least 10% of the animals) were subjected to the serological test for RHD with negative results during the 60 days prior to shipment; and
 - iv. have not been vaccinated against RHD; OR
 - v. were vaccinated against RHD immediately before shipment (the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination shall also be stated in the certificate).
2. The animal has to be registered electronically with an **ISO** (International Standards Organization)-**microchip** (mention the number and day of application on the health certificate).
3. The animal has to be transported in a suitable kennel and according to IATA regulations.

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