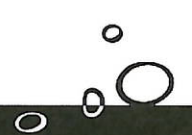


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## STATEMENT REGARDING MOVEMENT OF PETS BETWEEN NORWAY AND EU MEMBER STATES AND PET PASSPORTS ISSUED IN NORWAY

Firstly, in accordance with the European Economic Area Agreement Norway is not regarded as a third country in relation to Regulations (EU) No 576/2013 and 577/2013. Movement of pet animals between Norway and the EU is therefore to be considered as movement between Member states.

The new pet regulations, Regulations (EU) No 576/2013 and 577/2013, were incorporated into the European Economic Area Agreement April 2016 with entry into force in the Agreement on 1 June 2016. The new passports modelled in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 577/2013 will be issued from this date.

As a consequence of the delayed incorporation of Regulations (EU) No 576/2013 and 577/2013 into the European Economic Area Agreement, Decision 2003/803/EC applied until 31 May in Norway. Norway has therefore been compelled to issue pet passports produced in accordance with Decision 2003/803/EC until this date.

The European Economic Area Agreement entails that pets travelling to EU countries from Norway may be identified with passports issued in accordance with Decision 2003/803/EC before 1 June 2016.

This document is issued as a general information and as a verification that Norwegian animals travelling to or within the EU with such passports issued between 29 December 2014 and 31 May 2016 have a legal right to do so.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and we hope that all possible courtesy will be extended to Norwegians travelling abroad with their pets.



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