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TRUST TERRITORY IMPOSES 90 -DAY PET QUARANTINE

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Apr. 13... The Director of Public Health Luke A. Howe announced today that the Trust Territory Government has imposed a special 90day quarantine on all dogs and cats entering the Trust Territory's ports from Guam. This 90 day period which began on April 5 was imposed to maintain the rabies free status among the islands.

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All Trust Territory aircraft and surface vessels have been instructed to refuse shipment of pets to Territory ports unless official papers indicate that the animals were merely transiting Guam after arrival from outside locations.

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The standard regulations governing the entry of animals into the Trust Territory will not be effected by this special quarantine. Dr. Howe noted that all owners will be obligated to insure that animals have valid health examination and vaccination certificates to insure shipment.

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