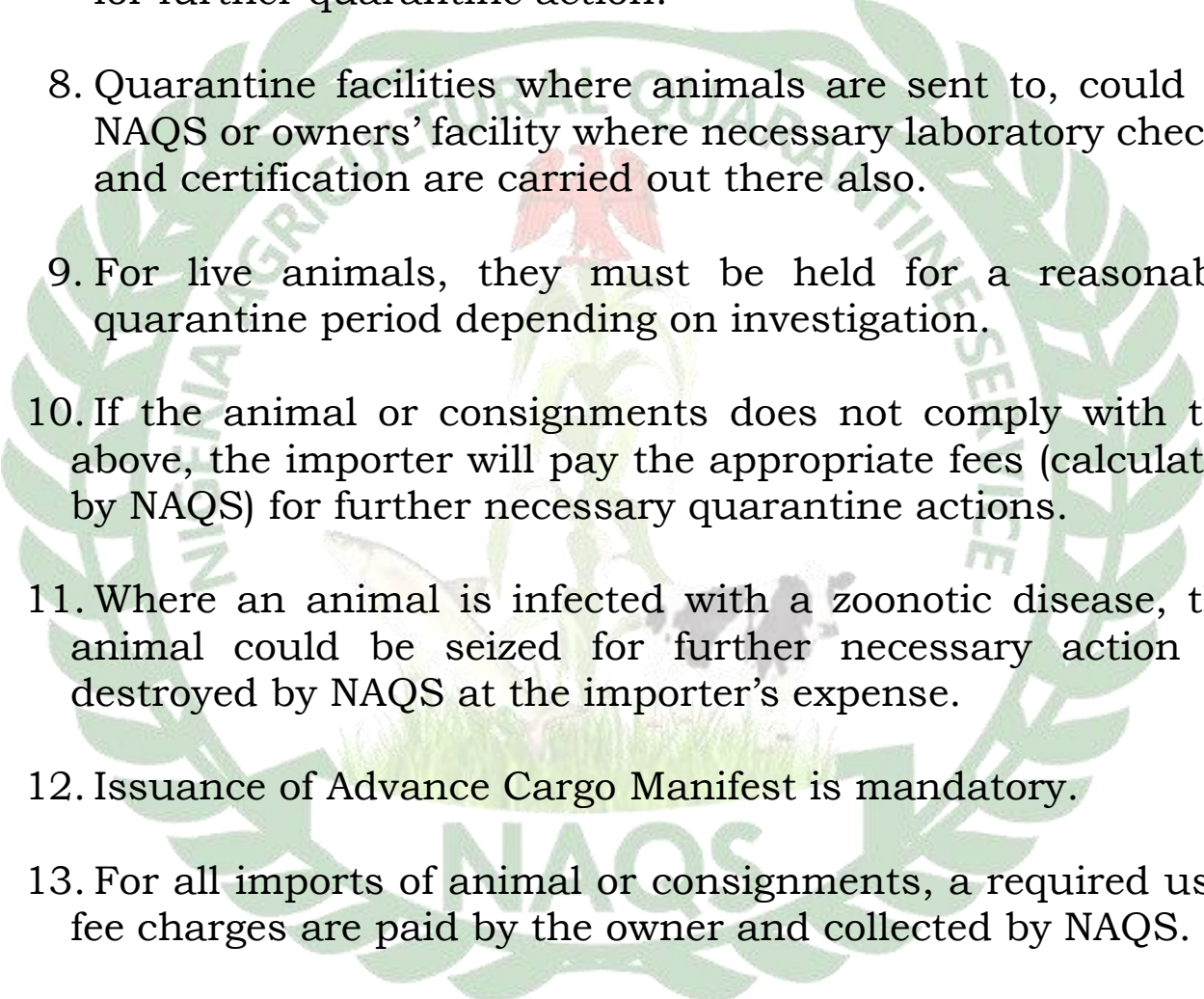




1. Apply for an import permit through the office of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria (CVON), in the Federal Ministry of Livestock Development (FMLD), Abuja, FCT- Nigeria.
2. Obtain import permit for wildlife subject to the acquisition of CITES permit from the Federal Ministry of Environment of Nigeria and also from similar ministry in the Exporting country.
3. Notify Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Services (NAQS) of import permit details such as date of arrival, port of embarkation and disembarkation, type of consignments (animal products, by-products, biologics etc.) or animal, name and address of importer and exporter, container number, bill of landing, waybill, purpose of importation etc. before departing from country of origin.
4. On arrival at the point of entry (PoE), make declaration of animal/ consignments for NAQS inspection and certification.
5. Declaration should include the entire detailed document accompanying the animal/consignments including Sanitary/Health certificate of the animal, documents of port of embarkation, port of disembarkation, country of export, country of destination, purpose of importation etc.
6. NAQS officer verifies the document and consignments as well as the status of animal at the PoE.

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7. On arrival at the port, NAQS officials conduct visual inspection of animal and consignments. Live animals are sent to the quarantine stations for observation and suspected consignments are sent to the laboratory for investigation. If satisfied, the animal or consignments are released; otherwise, animal or consignments are detained for further quarantine action.
 8. Quarantine facilities where animals are sent to, could be NAQS or owners' facility where necessary laboratory checks and certification are carried out there also.
 9. For live animals, they must be held for a reasonable quarantine period depending on investigation.
 10. If the animal or consignments does not comply with the above, the importer will pay the appropriate fees (calculated by NAQS) for further necessary quarantine actions.
 11. Where an animal is infected with a zoonotic disease, the animal could be seized for further necessary action or destroyed by NAQS at the importer's expense.
 12. Issuance of Advance Cargo Manifest is mandatory.
 13. For all imports of animal or consignments, a required user fee charges are paid by the owner and collected by NAQS.
 14. Rabies Serology test is not needed for pets (Dogs and Cats) for imports.