

## Japan → Liechtenstein

Dog Import Checklist & Quick Guide | TailHarbor | Updated April 2026

### KEY INFORMATION

#### EFTA ROUTE: Veterinary certificate + ownership declaration required (not AHC)

<b>Preparation Time:</b>	4-8 weeks
<b>Microchip:</b>	ISO 11784/11785 (must be implanted BEFORE rabies vaccination)
<b>Rabies Vaccination:</b>	Required. Minimum 21 days before travel (primary). Keep boosters current.
<b>Titer Test:</b>	Not required (EU-listed/equivalent origin)
<b>Documentation:</b>	Veterinary certificate + ownership declaration (not AHC). Issued by Official Veterinarian.
<b>PROHIBITED:</b>	Dogs with cropped ears or docked tails cannot be imported
<b>Entry:</b>	No airport -- enter by land via Switzerland or Austria
<b>Registration:</b>	Municipal registration required upon residence
<b>Breed Restrictions:</b>	Restricted: Pit Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Terrier, and similar breeds.
<b>Registration:</b>	Local registration required within 2 weeks of arrival
<b>Local Currency:</b>	CHF
<b>Dog Tax:</b>	CHF 60-100/year (varies by municipality)

### USEFUL TIPS

- Start the process as early as possible. Delays with lab results or vet appointments can push back your timeline significantly.
- You need a veterinary certificate AND ownership declaration -- NOT an Animal Health Certificate (AHC). This is different from standard EU documentation.
- Liechtenstein has no international airport. You must enter by land via Switzerland or Austria. Clear customs at a Swiss/Austrian airport BIP first.
- Dogs with cropped ears or docked tails CANNOT be imported. This is an absolute prohibition with no exceptions (medical exemption requires 3-week advance FSVO notification for Switzerland).
- If your dog is a restricted or mixed breed, get a breed DNA test and official documentation before traveling. Border officials in Liechtenstein can refuse entry for banned breeds.

### PRE-TRAVEL CHECKLIST

#### EARLY PREPARATION

- Confirm your dog's breed is permitted in Liechtenstein
- Plan land entry via Switzerland or Austria (no airport in Liechtenstein)
- Book cargo/cabin airline to Basel, Geneva, or Zurich
- Purchase IATA-approved travel crate (correct size for your dog)
- Begin crate training

#### MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Microchip implanted (ISO 11784/11785) -- BEFORE vaccination
- Rabies vaccination administered (min. 21 days before travel)

#### DOCUMENTATION

- Veterinary certificate obtained from Official Veterinarian
- Ownership declaration completed and signed
- All vaccination records compiled
- Copies of all documents made (2 sets)
- Airline booking confirmation printed

#### TRAVEL DAY

- All original documents in carry-on bag
- Crate labeled with your name, phone, destination, and 'Live Animal'
- Water dish filled and attached inside crate
- Arrive at airport early (3+ hours for international with pet)

#### AFTER ARRIVAL IN LIECHTENSTEIN

- Clear customs at Swiss/Austrian airport BIP
- Register with municipal administration
- Register with local veterinarian
- Obtain mandatory liability insurance (CHF 1M minimum)