

## **Quarantine Requirements for the importation of Order *Lagomorpha* for Non-Laboratory Purpose**

(In case of any discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern.)

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1. To import the animal(s) of Order Lagomorpha (hereinafter referred to as rabbit(s)), the applicant shall apply for an import permit from central competent authority of this country if the species of the rabbit(s) is referred to Article 24 of Wildlife Conservation Act as protected live wildlife.
2. To import the rabbit(s), the exporting country shall comply with following requirements:
  - (1) Tularemia, myxomatosis, rabbit hemorrhagic disease and rabies are notifiable diseases.
  - (2) Tularemia (in Genus *Lepus*) has not occurred for the past two years.
3. To import the rabbit(s), the following requirements shall be complied with:
  - (1) The quantity of the rabbit(s) is five or more in every batch of consignment:
    - i. The following requirements shall be confirmed by veterinarian registered or licensed by the competent authority of exporting country:
      - (i) The raising place or establishment shall be disinfected regularly by the owner. Sanitary and raising records shall be kept.
      - (ii) The equipments of raising place or establishment shall be examined regularly by the owner, and the owner shall confirm the raising place or establishment is able to prohibit animal invasion.
    - ii. The rabbit(s) shall be kept in exporting country since birth. If the

rabbit(s) are not born in exporting country, the rabbit(s) shall be raised in exporting country for more than ninety days prior to the shipment.

- iii. The veterinarian registered or licensed by the competent authority of exporting country shall be responsible for disease diagnosis and reporting the notifiable diseases.
- iv. Rabies, rabbit hemorrhagic disease and myxomatosis have not occurred in raising place or establishment in the previous year.
- v. No animal shall have been introduced into raising place or establishment within fifteen days prior to the shipment.
- vi. The rabbit(s) shall be treated for internal and external parasites not less than five days and not more than fifteen days prior to shipment.
- vii. The rabbit(s) have been inspected within three days prior to the shipment and found in good health condition, fit for shipment and free from clinical evidence of any communicable disease.

(2) The quantity of the rabbit(s) is four or less in every batch of consignment:

- i. The rabbit(s) shall be kept in exporting country since birth. If the rabbit(s) are not born in exporting country, the rabbit(s) shall be raised in exporting country for more than ninety days prior to the shipment.
- ii. Rabies, rabbit hemorrhagic disease and myxomatosis have not occurred in raising place in the previous year.
- iii. The rabbit(s) shall be subjected to at least fifteen days pre-export quarantine in raising place or in quarantine premises which have been approved by the competent authority of the exporting country.

- iv. The rabbit(s) shall be treated for internal and external parasites not less than five days and not more than fifteen days prior to shipment.
  - v. The rabbit(s) have been inspected within three days prior to the shipment and found in good health condition, fit for shipment and free from clinical evidence of any communicable disease.
4. The imported rabbit(s) shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of exporting country and the certificate shall state the followings in English:
- (1) Breed of the rabbit(s) and origin:
    - i. Species: scientific name and common name.
    - ii. Quantity and age.
    - iii. Microchip number or tattoo or marks.
    - iv. Exporting country.
    - v. Animal quarantine authority of the exporting country.
    - vi. Name and address of raising place or establishment. The name of raising place or establishment can be omitted if the quantities of the rabbit(s) are four or less in every batch of consignment.
    - vii. Name and address of the exporter or the exporting company.
  - (2) Destination:
    - i. Country of destination.
    - ii. Name and address of the importer or the importing company.
  - (3) Results of quarantine inspection:
    - i. Dates of pre-export quarantine detention.
    - ii. Attesting that the health status of the rabbit(s) is in compliance with Article 2 and Article 3.(1) of this Requirements when importing quantity of the rabbit(s) is five or more in every batch of consignment.

- iii. Attesting that the health status of the rabbit(s) is in compliance with Article 2 and Article 3.(2) of this Requirements when importing quantity of the rabbit(s) is four or less in every batch of consignment.
- iv. Attesting that name of medicine, doses, and the dates of internal and external parasites treatments.

(4) Date, place and authority of issuance of the veterinary certificate, official stamp, and the name and signature of the veterinary officer.

5. The rabbit(s) shall be transported with clean containers and vehicles disinfected with disinfectant approved by competent authority of exporting country. No feed, fodder, bedding or other animals shall be supplementary loaded during the transportation. The transportation and transition shall be pursuant to Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and regulations of International Air Transport Association (IATA).