

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Laboratory Animals

(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. Before the importation of laboratory animals, the institution that performs the scientific application of animals is required to apply from the animal quarantine authority of this country for issuance of quarantine requirements and the laboratory animals to be imported shall be in compliance with this Requirements.

The application shall be submitted with the following information:

- (1) Name, address, telephone of the applicant, and name of the person who is responsible for managing the institution.
- (2) Exporting country and name and address of the establishment of origin of the laboratory animals.
- (3) Species, quantity, sex, scientific name, common name of the laboratory animals and the strain of Order *Rodentia* to be imported.
- (4) The location of the experiment and the place for raising the animals.
- (5) Experimental project and the approval document of Institutional Animal Care and Use Panel. This item is not applicable to the application of importing Order *Rodentia*.

The institution that performs the scientific application of animals shall organize the Institutional Animal Care and Use Panel in accordance with Article 16 of the Animal Protection Act.

For the application of importing Order *Lagomorpha* and *Canis lupus familiaris* for laboratory use, the location of the experiment and the place for raising the animal in item(4) of Article 1 shall be inspected and approved by the animal quarantine authority of this country.

Upon receiving the application according to paragraph 1 of Article 1, the

animal quarantine authority of this country may assess the risk of transmitting infectious animal disease by the laboratory animals to be imported, and decide whether to issue the quarantine requirements, or designate certain diagnostic tests of diseases or other quarantine measures.

2. To import Order *Rodentia* for laboratory use, the following requirements shall be complied with:

(1) Order *Rodentia* for laboratory use shall originate from the establishments of government authorities, research institutes of universities or laboratory animal companies which regular health monitoring is implemented and approved by authority of the exporting country.

(2) Order *Rodentia* for laboratory use shall originate from establishments where the animals have not been inoculated with the pathogens of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, African swine fever, glanders, H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, Newcastle disease or rabies.

(3) Order *Rodentia* for laboratory use shall originate from establishments where rabies and tuberculosis have not occurred during previous year.

(4) To import Order *Rodentia* for laboratory use, an original veterinary certificate in English issued by the animal quarantine authorities of the exporting country, or the health monitoring report within the latest 3 months issued by the establishment of laboratory animals and countersigned by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country shall be provided. The following detailed information shall be stated in English:

i. Scientific name or common name and strain of the animals.

ii. Quantity.

iii Sex.

iv. Name and address of the establishment of origin.

3. Before the importation of Order *Lagomorpha* and *Canis lupus familiaris* for laboratory use, the competent authority of exporting country shall submit application to the animal quarantine authority of this country for approval of the

establishment of origin. After the approval, the institution that performs the scientific application of animals may apply from the animal quarantine authority of this country for issuance of quarantine requirements in accordance with article 1 of this Requirements. The following information shall be accompanied by the application for approval of the establishment of origin:

- i. Name, address and telephone of the establishment of origin.
- ii. Laboratory animal species produced in the establishment.
- iii. Laboratory animals health monitoring program and monitoring report of the previous 6 months.
- iv. A sample copy of veterinary certificate which is in compliance with Article 6 of this Requirements.

The animal quarantine authority of this country may send inspectors to the exporting country to conduct on-site inspection of the establishment of origin if necessary. The expense shall be borne by the exporting country.

4. To import Order *Lagomorpha* for laboratory use, the following requirements shall be complied with:

- (1) The animals shall originate from the establishments of government authorities, research institutes of universities or laboratory animal companies which the regular health monitoring is implemented and approved by authority of the exporting country. The establishments of origin shall be approved in accordance with Article 3.
- (2) The animals in the establishment of origin have not been inoculated with the pathogens of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, African swine fever, glanders, H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, Newcastle disease or rabies.
- (3) Rabies, tuberculosis, tularemia, myxomatosis and rabbit hemorrhagic disease have not occurred in the establishment of origin in the previous year.
- (4) The animals have been inspected and found in good health condition and free from clinical evidence of tularemia, pasteurallosis, coccidiosis and other

diseases of rabbits.

5. To import *Canis lupus familiaris* for laboratory use, the following requirements shall be complied with:

- (1) The animals shall originate from the establishments of government authorities, research institutes of universities or laboratory animal companies which the regular health monitoring is implemented and approved by authority of the exporting country. The establishments of origin shall be approved in accordance with Article 3.
- (2) The animals in the establishment of origin have not been inoculated with the pathogens of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, African swine fever, glanders, H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, Newcastle disease or rabies.
- (3) Rabies and tuberculosis have not occurred in the establishments of origin in the previous year.
- (4) The animals shall have been vaccinated with rabies inactivated vaccine at the age of at least 90 days old. The period between the date of vaccination and the date of shipment shall be no less than 30 days and no more than 1 year.
- (5) The animals have been inspected and found in good health condition and free from clinical evidence of any communicable disease.

6. To import Order *Lagomorpha* and *Canis lupus familiaris* for laboratory use, an original veterinary certificate in English issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country shall be provided, and the certificate shall state the following detailed information in English:

- (1) Species of the animal and origin:
 - i. Species: scientific name and common name.
 - ii. Quantity
 - iii. Microchip number, sex, age or the date of birth.
 - iv. Exporting country.
 - v. Competent authority of the exporting country.

vi. Name and address of the establishment of origin.

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) Result of quarantine inspection:

i. Attesting that the Order *Lagomorpha* for laboratory use is in compliance with Article 4 of this Requirements.

ii. Attesting that the Order *Canis lupus familiaris* for laboratory use is in compliance with Article 5 of this Requirements, and stating the date of vaccination with rabies inactivated vaccine.

iii. When the animal quarantine authority of this country has designated the diagnostic tests of diseases or quarantine measures for the imported laboratory animals in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 1, attestation for the said diagnostic tests of diseases or quarantine measures are required.

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

7. The institution that performs the scientific application of animals shall abide by the followings within 3 months after the importation of Order *Lagomorpha* and within 6 months after the importation of *Canis lupus familiaris*:

(1) The use of laboratory animals shall follow the experimental project. Change of experimental purpose, quantity of laboratory animals, the location of experiment and the place for raising the animals shall be approved in advance by the animal quarantine authority of this country.

(2) Death of the laboratory animals shall be notified to the animal quarantine authority of this country.

(3) The institution that performs the scientific application of animals shall not evade, impede, or reject the inspection of experiment location and the raising place which is conducted by the animal quarantine authority of this country.

The animal quarantine authority of this country will not issue the quarantine requirements if the said institution has ever violated the above paragraph in the previous year before the date of application for importation.

8. For the importation of laboratory animals other than Order *Rodentia*, Order *Lagomorpha* and *Canis lupus familiaris*, the animal quarantine authority of this country may conduct animal health risk analysis and designate disease test(s) or other concerned quarantine measure(s) according to the species of the laboratory animals and experimental project.
9. If infectious animal disease has occurred in the establishments of origin, the exporting country shall suspend the exportation of the laboratory animals from the establishments to this country immediately and notify the animal quarantine authority of this country.
10. The laboratory animals shall be transported with clean containers and vehicles disinfected with disinfectant approved by the government of the exporting country. No feed, fodder, bedding or other animals shall be supplementary loaded during the transportation. The transportation and transition shall follow the relevant regulations pursuant to Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the regulations of International Air Transport Association (IATA).