

Attachment 7-5: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Hedgehogs

1. The quarantine requirements regulate the importation of subfamily Erinaceinae (hereinafter referred to as hedgehog).
2. Hedgehogs are allowed to be imported only from countries or zones recognized as being free from foot and mouth disease by the central competent authority of the importing country.
3. For hedgehogs requiring an import permit as stipulated in the Wildlife Conservation Act, the permit must be obtained from the central competent authorities before applying for the quarantine premises or other designated places for post-entry quarantine to the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
4. To import hedgehogs, the following requirements shall be complied with:
 - 4.1 Hedgehogs shall be raised for at least 6 months prior to export or since birth in the establishments where no cases of tuberculosis have been confirmed in the previous 2 years, and no cases of rabies, herpes virus infection, paramyxovirus infection, arboviral infection, chlamydiosis, Q fever, salmonellosis, *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis* infection, plague, toxoplasmosis, cryptosporidiosis, and other haemorrhagic septicemia have been confirmed in the previous year.
 - 4.2 Before exportation, hedgehogs shall be detained in mosquito proof establishments supervised by the veterinarians accredited by the competent authority of the exporting country for at least 14 days prior to export. During the quarantine period, hedgehogs shall be examined and must be in a healthy condition without any clinical signs and subject to the following requirements:
 - 4.2.1 The broad-spectrum anthelmintics are firstly applied within 7 days at the beginning of quarantine period and secondly applied within 3 days prior to export for internal and external parasites.
 - 4.2.2 The broad-spectrum antibiotics is applied with a therapeutic dosage for 5 consecutive days.
 - 4.2.3 Bedding is clean with no evidence of contamination by ticks.
 - 4.2.4 No external parasites are found during examination prior to export.
5. Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
 - 5.1 Type and origin of the animal:
 - 5.1.1 Scientific name;
 - 5.1.2 Total quantity;
 - 5.1.3 Microchip numbers;

- 5.1.4 The exporting country;
- 5.1.5 Name and address of the establishment of origin; and
- 5.1.6 Name and address of the exporter.
- 5.2 Destination:
 - 5.2.1 Country of destination; and
 - 5.2.2 Name and address of the importer.
- 5.3 Statement attesting that the hedgehogs fulfill the requirements stipulated in Article 4, and the start and end dates of pre-export quarantine, name of medicine, dosage and date of treatments for internal and external parasites shall be stated.
- 5.4 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.
- 6. The animals shall be transported in cargo holds with clean containers which have been treated with disinfectant approved by the competent authority of the exporting country. They are not allowed to transit through seaports/airports in countries or zones not recognized as being free from FMD. No additional feed, straw and forage, bedding or other susceptible animals are allowed to be loaded en route to the destination. The means of transport and transit shall comply with the World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code and the Live Animal Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).