

Attachment 10: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Animals for Research Purposes

1. The quarantine requirements regulate the importation of Aves and terrestrial Mammalia for research purposes (hereinafter referred to as “laboratory animals”).
 - 2.1 The following information of application for the approval of importing laboratory animals has to be submitted by the institutions of animal science (hereinafter referred to as the “institutions”) defined by the Animal Protection Act to the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country, except the animals of the *Rodentia* order for research purposes:
 - 2.1.1 Name, address and telephone number of the applicant and name of the responsible person;
 - 2.1.2 Name and address of the establishment of origin and exporting country;
 - 2.1.3 Type and quantity, sex, scientific name and common name of the laboratory animals;
 - 2.1.4 Establishments of raising and experiments (including reproduction for research purposes);
 - 2.1.5 Experimental projects (including reproduction for research purposes) and affidavit of approval of Experimental Animal Care and Use Committee or Panel.
 - 2.2 Before accepting the application, the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country may dispatch officers to conduct on-site audits at the places indicated in Article 2.1.4, and the decision whether the approval letter for importation is issued or other tests or quarantine requirements are required is made according to the results of on-site audits.
3. For the importation of animals of the *Rodentia* order for research purposes, the following requirements shall be complied with:
 - 3.1 The importers are institutions indicated in Article 2.1.
 - 3.2 The animals of the *Rodentia* order shall originate from research institutes of the government and universities of the exporting country, or juridical persons that are recognized as conducting healthy examinations on animals for research purposes by the competent authority of the exporting country.
 - 3.3 Establishments of origin have not conducted the inoculation tests against foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), African swine fever (ASF), classical swine fever (CSF), African horse sickness (AHS), glanders, peste des petits ruminants (PPR), H5 and H7 subtypes avian influenza, Newcastle disease (ND), and rabies.
 - 3.4 No cases of rabies or tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*, *M. caprae* and *M. tuberculosis*) have been confirmed in the establishments of origin in the previous

year.

3.5 Each consignment of animals of the *Rodentia* order shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority or by a health monitoring report for the latest 3 month of the establishment of origin verified by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate or report shall state the following information in English or Chinese:

3.5.1 Scientific name;

3.5.2 Total quantity;

3.5.3 Sex; and

3.5.4 Name and address of the establishment of origin.

4. For the importation of animals of the *Lagomorpha* order for research purposes, the following requirements shall be complied with:

4.1 The following information of application for the approval of importing laboratory animals has to be submitted by the institutions to the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country. The import/export animal quarantine authority may dispatch officers to conduct on-site audits if necessary. The expenditure is at the exporting country's expense. For exporting country which has signed bilateral or multilateral agreement with the importing country, the expenses should be shouldered according to the agreement:

4.1.1 Name, address and telephone number of the establishment of origin.

4.1.2 Species of animals for research purposes.

4.1.3 The plan of monitoring animal diseases and the health monitoring report for the latest 6 months prior to submission.

4.1.4 The specimen of veterinary certificate in compliance with the requirements stipulated in Article 6.

4.2 The animals of the *Lagomorpha* order shall originate from research institutes of the government and universities of the exporting country, or juridical persons that are recognized as conducting routine healthy examinations on animals for research purposes by the competent authority of the exporting country and comply with the requirements mentioned in Article 4.1.

4.3 Establishments of origin have not conducted the inoculation tests against FMD, CSF, CBPP, ASF, AHS, glanders, PPR, H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, ND, or rabies.

4.4 No cases of rabies, tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*, *M. caprae* and *M. tuberculosis*) and tularemia, myxomatosis and rabbit hemorrhagic disease have been confirmed in the establishments of origin in the previous year.

4.5 Prior to export, the animals of the *Lagomorpha* order shall be examined and must be

in a healthy condition without any clinical signs of tularemia, pasteurellosis, coccidiosis and other diseases.

5. For the importation of dogs for research purposes, the following requirements shall be complied with:

- 5.1 The following information of application for the approval of importing laboratory animals has to be submitted by the institutions to the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country. The import/export animal quarantine authority may dispatch officers to conduct on-site audits if necessary. The expenditure is at the exporting country's expense. For exporting country which has signed bilateral or multilateral agreement with the importing country, the expenses should be shouldered according to the agreement.

- 5.1.1 Name, address and telephone number of the establishment of origin.

- 5.1.2 Species of animals for research purposes.

- 5.1.3 The plan of monitoring animal diseases and the health monitoring report for the latest 6 months prior to application.

- 5.1.4 The specimen of veterinary certificate in compliance with the requirements stipulated in Article 6.

- 5.2 The dogs for research purposes shall originate from research institutes of the government and universities of the exporting country, or juridical persons that are recognized as conducting routine healthy examinations on animals for research purposes by the competent authority of the exporting country and comply with the requirements mentioned in Article 5.1.

- 5.3 Establishments of origin have not conducted the inoculation tests against FMD, CSF, CBPP, ASF, AHS, glanders, PPR, H5 and H7 subtype avian influenza, ND, or rabies.

- 5.4 No cases of rabies or tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*, *M. caprae* and *M. tuberculosis*) have been confirmed in establishments of origin in the previous year.

- 5.5 The rabies inactivated vaccine is administered at the age of 90 days or older and the vaccination date has to be between 30 days to 1 year prior to the exporting date.

- 5.6 Prior to export, the dogs shall be examined and must be in a healthy condition without any clinical signs of animal diseases.

6. For the importation of animals for research purposes other than animals of the *Rodentia* order, 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:

- 6.1 Type and origin of the animals:

- 6.1.1 Scientific name and common name;

- 6.1.2 Total quantity;
- 6.1.3 Sex, age or date of birth, and number of individual identification (for *Lagomorpha* order and dogs, the way of individual identification is only allowed to use microchip);
- 6.1.4 The exporting country;
- 6.1.5 Name and address of the establishment of origin; and
- 6.1.6 Name and address of exporter.
- 6.2 Destination:
 - 6.2.1 Country of destination; and
 - 6.2.2 Name and address of the importer.
- 6.3 Result of the quarantine:
 - 6.3.1 Statements attesting that the animals comply with the following requirements:
 - 6.3.1.1 The statement attesting that animals of the *Lagomorpha* order for research purposes fulfill the requirements stipulated in Articles 4.2 to 4.5.
 - 6.3.1.2 The statement attesting that dogs for research purposes fulfill the requirements stipulated in Articles 5.2 to 5.6.
 - 6.3.1.3 The statement attesting that animals fulfill the tests and other quarantine requirements stipulated in Article 2.2.
 - 6.3.2 The dates of the inactivated vaccines against rabies administered on dogs for research purposes.
- 6.4 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.
- 7.1 After importation, the institutions shall comply with the following requirements within 3 months of importing animals of the *Lagomorpha* order for research purposes or within 6 months of importing dogs for research purposes:
 - 7.1.1 The use of laboratory animals shall follow the experimental project. Any changes of the experimental purpose, the quantity of laboratory animals, the location of experiment and the place for raising the animals shall be approved in advance by the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
 - 7.1.2 Any cause of death shall notify the import/export animal quarantine authority.
 - 7.1.3 The institutions shall not evade, impede, or reject the on-site audit conducted by the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
- 7.2 While the institutions violate the requirements mentioned in Articles 7.1.1 to 7.1.3, applications submitted by the institutions may be rejected by the import/export animal quarantine authority within 1 year of the importation of the animals.
- 7.3 For the importation of animals other than animals of the *Rodentia* order, *Lagomorpha* order and dogs for research purposes, the preceding Paragraphs of this Article shall be applied mutatis mutandis. Designated processing period are

requested at the same time when the tests and other quarantine requirements stipulated in Article 2.2 are requested by the import/export animal quarantine authority.

8. If any infectious animal disease occurs in the establishment of origin, the exporting country shall suspend the exportation and notify the import/export animal quarantine authority.
9. The animals for research purposes shall be transported in cargo holds with clean containers which have been treated with disinfectant approved by the competent authority of the exporting country. 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).