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The following are the Import Health Requirements for ~~Non-livestock~~ Captive or Wild Mammals enacted in accordance with Article 34.2 of the Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases.

## Import Health Requirements for Captive or Wild Mammals

**Article 1 (Objective)** The objective of this notification is to stipulate necessary conditions such as quarantine of the exporting country and animal disease freedom situation for captive or wild mammals imported to the Republic of Korea in accordance with Article 34.2 of the Act on the Prevention of Contagious Animal Diseases.

**Article 2 (Definition)** The meaning of the terminology used in the import health requirements are as follows.

1, “Captive or Wild mammals” refer to animals inhabiting, growing or artificially reproducing in natural environments such as mountains, fields or rivers. However, specific-pathogen-free (SPE) animals imported for the purpose of laboratory research are excluded.

A. Chiroptera refers to all the bats falling into the category of Chiroptera.

B. Carnivora refers to animals falling into the category of dogs, cats, skunks, raccoons(American raccoons), Mustelidae, civets, African civets and mongeese.

C. Rodentia refers to all the rodents falling into the category of Rodentia

2. A “pet” refers to an animal accompanied (carried) with a traveler as a companion and regulated by the ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

3. “The government of the exporting country” refers to the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country.

4. A “veterinary officer of the exporting country” refers to a quarantine officer who serves as a government veterinarian of the exporting country.

5. A “breeding facility” refers to a facility permitted or registered according to the regulations of an exporting country by the government of the exporting country and recognized as a safe facility in terms of animal quarantine.

6. The “exporting region” refers to a state or a province that is the highest regional administrative unit of the exporting country.

7. The “country (area) free of rabies” refers to a country or an area free of rabies according

to the website of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency ([www.qia.go.kr](http://www.qia.go.kr)).

**Article 3 (Condition for birth and breeding)** Captive or Wild mammals (hereinafter referred to as “animals for export”) exported to the Republic of Korea from a foreign country (hereinafter referred to as “an exporting country”) shall be either born and raised at breeding facilities, or raised there during at least 6 months prior to their export.

**Article 4 (Breeding facilities)**

1. Breeding facilities of animals for export (excluding pets) shall be registered according to relevant regulations of an exporting country (hereinafter referred to as “breeding facilities.”). The breeding facility shall be monitored by the government of an exporting country and approved as a facility meeting complying to the conditions stipulated in this notification by the head of the animal quarantine agency of the Republic of Korea, following the notification made by the government of the exporting country to the head of the animal quarantine agency in advance.

2. Breeding facility must maintain and store the records on information such as the type of animals for export, the number of animals, the country of origin, or the region where the animal was captured, the day of arrival for new animals, disease outbreak status, medication treatment, clinical trials and rabies neutralizing antibodies test.

3. Breeding facility shall have in place and operate control programs to monitor the outbreak of animal diseases on a regular basis and shall be found free of diseases as a result of inspection conducted by the government of the exporting country.

4. Breeding facility has been free of tuberculosis for the past 2 years and rabies and plaque for the past 1 year.

**Article 5 (Conditions of Animals for export)** Animals for export shall follow one of the below requirements. But, rodentia(order rodentia) shall follow the Article 1 below and pet animals shall follow the Article 1 or 2 below.

1. Animals for export should be originated from a country or an area free from rabies.

2. The animals for export shall be vaccinated against rabies. Animals for export shall go through rabies specific antibody test to neutralize rabies virus, conducted by an internationally accredited laboratory or the government of the exporting country, within the last 3 to 12 months prior to the date of their shipment and the results shall be 0.5 IU/ml and above.

3. Animals for export shall be raised at premises which must have been free from rabies for 12 months prior to shipment, apart from other animals susceptible to rabies since birth or at least 6 months prior to shipment.

**Article 6 (Export quarantine)**

1. Animals for export (excluding pets) shall be isolated at the quarantine facility designated by

the government of the exporting country for at least 30 days and inspected by a government veterinary officer. During the export quarantine period, the animals must show no clinical signs or symptoms of contagious diseases. Also, they should not contact with other animals except for animals for export once the export quarantine procedures are initiated.

2. The animals for export shall be treated with (an) insecticide(s) twice or more with at least 2 weeks of interval within at least 5 days before the shipment to eradicate internal and external parasites.

3. Animals for export must show no clinical signs or symptoms of rabies according to clinical tests conducted by a veterinary officer of the government of the exporting country on the day of shipment or the day before.

4. The Korean Government may request a laboratory test for particular animal diseases on animals for export considering the outbreak of animal diseases etc. in the exporting country.

#### **Article 7 (Transportation of Animals)**

1. Export quarantine facilities, containers, vehicles, and storage areas in vessels and aircraft used to transport animals for export shall be disinfected with disinfectants approved by the government of the exporting country before the entry of the animals or before use. The animals for export must be transported safely in a manner that prevents them from being infected with animal diseases.

2. Hay, litter and fodder used in transit of animals for export shall be clean and free from contamination by pathogens of contagious animal diseases and shall not be additionally purchased during transport.

3. Animals for export shall not come in contact with other susceptible animals that have not gone through export quarantine and inspection along with the animals being exported during transport to Korea.

**Article 8 (Export Health Certificate)** Veterinary officers of the exporting country shall issue an export health certificate that provides the following information in detail either in Korean or in English before shipment. The exporting government shall consult the Korean Government about the export health certificate form in advance.

##### **A. Captive or Wild mammals (excluding pets)**

1) The species, breeds (including scientific names), individual identification marks (e.g. microchip numbers), sex and age of the animals for export

2) The breeding facility's name and address

3) Matters specified in Articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

3-1) If the animals for export meet the conditions under Article 5-1, the name of the region

and address of the location where the animals are raised prior to shipment

3-2) If vaccinated against Rabies according to Article 5-2, the product name and expiration period of the vaccine and the date of vaccination.

3-3) If the Rabies Neutralizing Antibody Titre Test is conducted under Article 5-2, the date of blood collection and testing, test result and name of the laboratory performed the test

3-4) The place and period of quarantine according to Article 6-1

3-5) The drug's name used to treat animals against endoparasites and ectoparasites, and methods, frequency and date of treatment pursuant to Article 6-2

3-6) If a precision test is conducted as necessary under Article 6.4, the name of the disease, test methods and result, and laboratory name that performed the test

4) The name of the vessel or aircraft, date and place of shipment

5) The exporter and importer's address and name (company name)

6) The health certificate's issuance date and place, the issuer's name, title, agency and signature

#### B. Pets

1) The species, breeds (including scientific names), individual identification marks (e.g. microchip numbers), sex and age of the animals for export

2) Matters specified in Articles 3, 5-1, or 5-2

2-1) If the animals meet the condition under Article 5-2, the product name, expiration period and administration date of the vaccine against Rabies and the date of blood collection and testing, test result and the name of the laboratory performed the Neutralizing Antibody Titre Test

3) (If a parasiticide drug is administered) The drug's name and expiration period, date of treatment

4) The name of vessel or aircraft, date and place of shipment

5) The exporter and importer's address and name (company name)

6) The health certificate's issuance date and place, the issuer's name, title, agency and signature

#### **Article 9 (On-site Inspection)**

1. Veterinary officers of the Korean Government may conduct on-site inspection on the breeding facility when deemed necessary as regards with the enforcement and application of these import

health requirements. The government of the exporting country shall actively cooperate for on-site inspection. If any instance of non-compliance with these import health requirements is found, the veterinary officer can suspend exports to Korea or revoke approval of the concerned breeding facility.

2. When the breeding facility has suspended exports to Korea due to bankruptcy, business closure, etc. the exporting government shall cancel the registration of the concerned facility and immediately notify the decision to the Korean Government.

3. Breeding facilities shall keep records as prescribed in Article 4-2 as well as original records of regular operation of monitoring programs to check on the outbreak of contagious animal diseases for at least 2 years.

**Article 10 (Measures for Non-Compliance of Animals Imported)** Should be found non-compliance with the import health requirements or infectious animal diseases during import quarantine and inspection on imported animals, the Korean Government may order to return or destroy the concerned animals.

**Article 11 (Review Deadline)** The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs shall review the validity of this Notification and take necessary measures of improvement, etc, every three years starting January 1, 2021 (meaning December 31st of every three years) according to the ‘Regulation for issuance and management of rules and instructions.’

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This notification shall be effective from the date of notification. But, the approval requirements for breeding facilities holding animals for export pursuant to Article 4-1 shall apply after six months (180 days) of the enforcement date of this notification