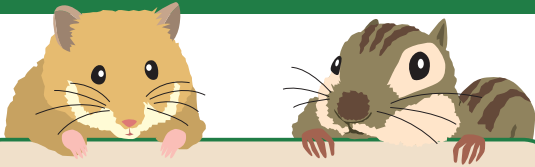


Required Documents

- Notification Form (2 copies)
- Health Certificate
(issued by the government authorities of the originating country)
- Identification of the Importer
(passport or driver's license)
- Copy of the Air Way bill
(not required for carry-on baggage)
- Microbiological Monitoring Report
(research rodents only)



Strict regulations on importing of "Rodents", such as Hamsters and Squirrels.

Hamsters, Guinea pigs, Squirrels and Chinchillas are classified as "Rodents".

Importing "Rodents" are enforced because "Rodents" are known to have a lot of serious infectious diseases that can be harmful to humans.

For rodents, the health certificate must verify that the animal was kept since birth in a storage establishment recognized by the government authorities. Rodents raised at home will not be regarded as a recognized storage establishment.

Importing rodent pets raised overseas or purchased from overseas pet shops are subject to these regulations. As health certificates issued by government authorities may be difficult to obtain for such animals, in general, these animals cannot be imported to Japan.

❖ Quarantine animals, such as Dogs, Cats and Domestic animals are not covered by this law.

Please refer to the Animal Quarantine Service, MAFF websites.
<http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/>

❖ Please refer to the following websites for more information

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importanimal/index.html>
<http://iaa.keneki.jp/>

❖ Contact Us

Narita Airport Quarantine Station (Office of Import Animal Administration)

TEL +81-476-32-6708
FAX +81-476-32-6725

Chubu Airport Quarantine Branch, Nagoya Quarantine Station (Quarantine and Sanitary division)

TEL +81-569-38-8192
FAX +81-569-38-8194

Kansai Airport Quarantine Station (Office of Import Animal Administration)

TEL +81-72-455-1298
FAX +81-72-455-1299

Fukuoka Airport Quarantine Branch, Fukuoka Quarantine Station (Quarantine and Sanitary division)

TEL +81-92-477-0207
FAX +81-92-477-0209

A list of quarantine stations for other airports can be found here:

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importanimal/index.html>

Bringing Animals into Japan



Procedures governing the importation of animals

In order to prevent outbreaks of human infectious diseases caused by imported animals, the Law Concerning the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients of Infectious Diseases (Article 56-2) regulates the importation of animals into Japan. Please be aware that noncompliance with this regulation will result in the denial of entry or euthanization of the animal.

Animals covered by this law

Mammals

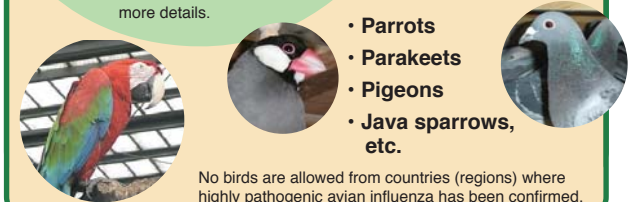
- Ferrets
- Hamsters
- Guinea pigs
- Squirrels, etc.



Dogs and Cats are not covered by this law. Please contact the Animal Quarantine Service for more details.

Birds

- Parrots
- Parakeets
- Pigeons
- Java sparrows, etc.



No birds are allowed from countries (regions) where highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed.

Quarantine Station
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Procedures for Bringing Your Animals with You to Japan

Please contact us prior to preparing your Notification Form.

Preparing Your Notification Form

1. Contact the Quarantine Station



Please inform information, such as animal species, export country, the date of arrival, etc. If your animals (pets) are allowed into Japan, we explain how to procedure.

2. Obtain and Fill-in Notification Form

Notification Form is available from the following website:

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importanimal/index.html>

3. Identification of the Importer

This information is very important.

Please prepare copies of your Passport or Driver's license, and bring the original as well as copy with you to the Quarantine Station.

4. Obtaining a Health Certificate

Each animals have different health requirements.

The procedures required to obtain a Health Certificate will differ according to each country. Please contact the relevant governmental authorities in the country from which you are importing your animal. Health requirements for each animals and the Health Certificate of major countries are available from the following website.

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importanimal/index.html>

This information can also often be found on the website of the exporting country.

Example: USA

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_japan.shtml

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Name of Quarantine Station 検疫所 (支所)	
動物又はその死体を輸入するので、感染症の予防及び感染症の患者に対する医療に関する法律（平成10年法律第114号）第56条の2の規定により届け出ます。	
なお、罰法及び感染症の予防及び感染症の患者に対する医療に関する法律施行規則（平成10年厚生省令第39号）を遵守し、記載事項に虚偽がないこととを誓約します。	
届出年月日	○○○○年○○月○○日
氏名	Name of Importer (印) (署名又は記名押印)
住所	Address of Importer (in Japan)
連絡先電話番号	Telephone number (in Japan) (法人の場合、名称、所在地及び代表者の氏名)
種別	(Animal species) <i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i> (Cockatiel)
数量	(Number of unit) 2
原産国	(Country of origin) 鳥 (Origin of animals, ex. breeding, wild)
用途	For Pet 検疫船舶（航空機）名 (Flight number)
輸出国及び輸出地	Name of exporting country and port of loading 到着地及び保管場所 (Name of port of discharge and warehouse)
積載年月日	(Date of loading) 到着年月日 (Date of arrival)
船荷証券又は航空運送状の番号	衛生証明書発行番号 (Health certificate number)
衛生証明書の記載に係る動物の性別、年齢及び個体識別上の特徴	(Sex, age and distinctive marks of animal on health certificate registration)
荷送人の氏名及び住所	(Name and address of consignor in exporting country)
荷受人の氏名及び住所	(Name and address of consignee in Japan)
輸入後の保管施設の名前及び所在地	(Name and address of storage establishment in Japan)
輸送中の事故の概要	(Accidents on passage)
備考（検疫所使用欄）	届出を受理した旨

Pre-confirmation

When an application does not comply with the regulations, the animals are not allowed to enter Japan. It is thus essential to FAX the appropriate Quarantine Station for a preliminary review of your Notification Form and supporting documents before your animals arrive in Japan.



Please use this opportunity to inquire about detailed procedures regarding animal importation.

Upon Arrival In Japan

Upon arrival in Japan, please submit your Notification Form and other documents to the Quarantine Station Officer before clearing Customs. Your documents will be examined by a Quarantine Officer and, if the requirements are fulfilled, a notification receipt will be issued to you. You may then proceed to Customs.



Points of Health requirements

Mammals, such as Ferrets

- The animal shows no clinical signs of rabies at the time of shipment
- The animals have been kept for a definite period (differs from rabies free or not free), or since birth.

Rodents, such as Hamsters

- The animal shows no clinical signs of rabies at the time of shipment
- The animal has been kept since birth in a storage establishment where the seven infectious diseases designated have not been confirmed
- The storage establishment recognized by government authorities

Birds, such as Parakeets

- The birds show no clinical signs of West Nile fever or Highly pathogenic avian influenza at the time of shipment
- The birds have been kept for the past 21 days in a storage/quarantine establishment (limited to those with preventive measures against the invasion of mosquitoes) in regions where Highly pathogenic avian influenza has not been confirmed.

Warning: Animals without Health Certificates issued by the proper government authorities of the exporting country will be denied entry into Japan.

REFERENCE NUMBER				
VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE EXPORT OF BIRDS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POULTRY) TO JAPAN				
ORIGIN OF BIRDS—Japanese pigeons returning to Japan				
II. DESTINATION OF BIRDS				
Name of Consignor				
Name of House of Origin				
Name of Quarantine Station				
Date of Issuance				
III. SANITARY INFORMATION				
I. The birds show no clinical signs of rabies at the time of shipment.				
II. The birds have been kept since birth in a storage/quarantine establishment where the seven infectious diseases designated have not been confirmed.				
III. The storage establishment recognized by government authorities.				
IV. IDENTIFICATION OF BIRDS				
NO.	SEX	AGE	MARKS	REMARKS
Name of Official Veterinarian Issued		Signature of Official Veterinarian		
Official Export Stamp		Address of Official Veterinarian		