

Development of countermeasures against animal-originated infectious diseases



- Prohibit the import of and establish an import quarantine system for monkeys
- Prohibit the import of palm civets, bat, African soft-furred rats, prairie dogs, etc.
- Expand the scope of notification obligation by veterinarians to include Type 4 infectious diseases and added echinococcosis of dogs into the Type 4 category (revised in October 2003 and July 2004)
- "Notification System for the Importation of Animals" to require importers of living mammals and birds, and carcasses of rodents to report necessary information to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (quarantine station) along with a sanitary certificate issued by the government organization of the exporting country.(Started in September 2005)

Development of regulation of possession of pathogens, etc.



- Regulation through enforcement of standards of prohibition, permission, notification, and facilities according to the classification of Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 pathogens, etc.
- Establishment of standards on facilities according to the types of pathogens, etc.
- Development of regulations to prevent outbreak of infectious diseases, selecting persons in charge of handling pathogens, and obligating the owners to report carriage, etc.
- Creating provisions for the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, etc. to supervise such facilities including on-site investigation of facilities for handling pathogens and orders to change methods of sterilization/transfer

Development of measures against novel influenza



- Implement measures including hospitalization and enable to take measures equivalent to those for Type 1 infectious diseases by Cabinet Order
- Request those possibly infected to report health status and abstain from going out
- Disclose information regarding outbreak and measures to be taken
- Progress reports from prefectural governors
- Enhancement of cooperation between prefectural governors and directors of Quarantine Stations