Health Certificate for importation of Research Rodents to Japan

Research Rodents: SPF mouse, rat, guinea pigs, hamster, transgenic mouse, etc.

The container meets the container requirements of SPF rodents specified in the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.

Either A or B is effective.

A

SANITARY INFORMATION

1. The animal shows no clinical signs of rabies at the time of shipment.

2. The animal has been kept since birth in a storage establishment where infectious diseases* designated in the below have not been confirmed for the past 12 months (This storage establishment is meeting the standards defined by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan).

* “disease” in relation to rodents means:
   - Plague, rabies, monkeypox, hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, tularemia, and leptospirosis

and

Designation of storage establishments by exporting country

B (additional contents)

SANITARY INFORMATION

1. The animals have been stored since birth in a place that is in a storage establishment meeting all of the following, that has been isolated from other areas, and in which there have been no other animals than such rodents.

(1) Feeding control (hereafter including the management of records of the animals and their breeding, shipment and death) and sanitary control are carried out under the supervision of a committee consisting of members concerned including veterinarians in the establishment.

(2) Appropriate measures are taken to ensure that the intrusion of animals from outside is prevented.

(3) When introduced into the establishment, the animals are confirmed not to be contaminated with pathogens of infectious diseases in order to prevent the intrusion of pathogens of infectious diseases that may infect humans through animals.

(4) Examinations are conducted periodically on all the animals stored in the establishment to confirm they are not contaminated with pathogens of infectious diseases.

(5) Information concerning the feeding and sanitary controls of the animals is recorded in documents and such documents are retained.

2. Since births, the animals have not been used in any study with pathogens of infectious disease or have not come in contact with any animal used in such a study.

Not necessary designation of storage establishments by exporting country