



Notification System for the Importation of Animals

When you bring animal into Japan, you must submit notification under the Act on Prevention of Infections and Medical Care for Patients Suffering Infections Diseases.

If the notification, including health certificate issued by the government authority of exporting country, does not comply with regulations, the animal must be **reshipped** or **destroyed**.

Animals covered by the Act.

-  **Terrestrial mammals,**
Ferret, Hedgehog, Hamster, Guinea pig, etc.
-  **Birds**
Parrot, Parakeet, Pigeon, Java sparrow, etc.

*The system doesn't cover animals that have already been quarantined, such as dog, cat and livestock animals.
*Fish, amphibia and insect are not covered.
*Other laws, such as CITES and Invasive Alien Species Act, may be applied.



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

Hamster, Guinea pig, Squirrel and Chinchilla are classified as "Rodents".

The requirements for importing "Rodents" are strict because "Rodents" are known to have a lot of infectious diseases seriously harmful to humans.

The rodents raised at home or purchased at pet shop are not allowed to be imported into Japan.

Rodents, such as Guinea pig (called cuy, cuye, or curí), used as food in South America are also covered by the Act.

Contact Us

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More information

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Many zoonoses events are reported in world every year. Please refrain from bringing wild animals into Japan.

Bringing Animals into Japan

You can't bring
animals without notification.



Before you bring out your animal overseas
Before you bring back your animal from abroad

Please contact Quarantine Station.



First, call Quarantine Station



FAX or E-mail to Quarantine Station



Submit your documents to Quarantine Station

動物の輸入届出カウンター



Procedures for Bringing Your Animals with You to Japan

Step 1 Preparation

- Notification Form (2 copies)
- Health Certificate (issued by the government authority of the exporting country)
- Identification of importer (passport, driver's license, etc.)
- Microbiological Monitoring Report (for research rodent only)

Notification Form (2 copies)

Health Certificate

Step 2 Take advice from Quarantine Station

Please inform us of animal species, exporting country, date of arrival, etc. If your animal is eligible to be imported into Japan.

Step 3 Obtain and fill in Notification Form

Notification Form is available on Website.

Step 4 Obtain Health Certificate issued by exporting country

Each spiece of animal has to obtain respective Health Certificate. The procedures for getting it differ according to exporting country. Please contact the relevant government authority of the exporting country.

Animals without health certificate issued by the government authority of the exporting country are not allowed to be imported to Japan.

Step 5 Prior confirmation

When an application does not comply with regulations, the animals are not allowed to be imported to Japan. So, it is essential to obtain confirmation from Quarantine Station for preliminary review of your documents.

Step 6 Upon Arrival in Japan

Upon arrival in Japan, please submit your Notification Form and other documents to the Quarantine Station. 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.

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Mammal, such as Ferret

- The animal shows no clinical signs of rabies at the time of shipment.
- The animal has been kept for a definite period or since birth.

Rodent, such as Hamster

- The animal shows no clinical signs of rabies at the time of shipment.
- The animal has been kept since birth in the storage facility where seven kinds of infectious diseases designated by Japanese government have not been confirmed.
- The storage facility is required to be registered by export government authority.

Bird, such as Parakeet

- The bird shows no clinical signs of West Nile fever or HPAI/LPAI at the time of shipment.
- The bird has been kept for the past 21 days in a storage/quarantine facility (required to take preventive measures against invasion of mosquitoes) in region where HPAI or LPAI has not been confirmed.