

## Attachment 7-1: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Order *Lagomorpha*

1. For animals of the *Lagomorpha* order (hereinafter referred to as rabbits) requiring an import permit as stipulated in the Wildlife Conservation Act, the permit must be obtained from the relevant competent authorities before applying for the quarantine premises or other designated places for post-entry quarantine to the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
2. To import rabbits, the following requirements shall be complied with:
  - 2.1 No cases of tularemia in the exporting country have been confirmed in the previous 2 years (genus *Lepus* only).
  - 2.2 For each consignment of 4 rabbits or less:
    - 2.2.1 The rabbit(s) shall be raised in the exporting country for more than 90 days prior to export or since birth.
    - 2.2.2 No cases of rabies, rabbit hemorrhagic disease and myxomatosis have been confirmed in the establishments in the previous year.
    - 2.2.3 The rabbit(s) shall be detained for at least 30 days for pre-export quarantine in the establishments supervised by the veterinarians accredited by the competent authority of the exporting country. If tularemia, myxomatosis, rabbit hemorrhagic disease and rabies are notifiable diseases of the exporting country, the quarantine period may be reduced to at least 15 days prior to export. During the quarantine period, the rabbit(s) shall be examined and must be in a healthy condition without any clinical signs and subject to the following requirements:
      - 2.2.3.1 The broad-spectrum anthelmintics are applied once between 5 to 15 days prior to export for internal and external parasites;
      - 2.2.3.2 No signs of infestation of external parasites are inspected within 3 days prior to export.
  - 2.3 For each consignment of 5 rabbits or more:
    - 2.3.1 Rabbits shall be raised in the exporting country for more than 90 days prior to export or after birth.
    - 2.3.2 The establishments shall be supervised and recognized by the veterinarians who are responsible for disease diagnosis, notifications and accredited by the competent authority of the exporting country as follows:
      - 2.3.2.1 The sanitary disinfection is regularly conducted, and the records of management of hygiene and feeding are kept.
      - 2.3.2.2 The inspection and maintenance of establishments are regularly conducted and ensured to effectively avoid intrusion of animals from outside.
    - 2.3.3 No cases of rabies, rabbit hemorrhagic disease and myxomatosis have been

confirmed in the establishments in the previous year.

2.3.4 The rabbits shall be detained for at least 30 days for pre-export quarantine in establishments supervised by the veterinarians accredited by the competent authority of the exporting country. If tularemia, myxomatosis, rabbit hemorrhagic disease and rabies are notifiable diseases of the exporting country, the quarantine period may be reduced to at least 15 days prior to export. During the quarantine period, the rabbits shall be examined and must be in a healthy condition without any clinical signs and subject to the following requirements:

2.3.4.1 The broad-spectrum anthelmintics are applied once between 5 to 15 days prior to export for internal and external parasites;

2.3.4.2 No signs of infestation of external parasites are inspected within 3 days prior to export.

3. Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:

3.1 Type and origin of the animal:

3.1.1 Scientific name and common name;

3.1.2 Total quantity;

3.1.3 Age;

3.1.4 Individual identification microchip number, tattoos or characteristics;

3.1.5 The exporting country;

3.1.6 Name and address of the establishment of origin (exempting the name of establishment of origin for a consignment of 4 rabbits or less stated in Article 2.2);  
and

3.1.7 Name and address of the exporter.

3.2 Destination:

3.2.1 Country of destination; and

3.2.2 Name and address of the importer.

3.3 Result of the quarantine:

3.3.1 No cases of tularemia regarding rabbits in the exporting country have been confirmed in the previous 2 years (genus *Lepus* only).

3.3.2 Statement attesting that the animals fulfill the requirements as follows:

3.3.2.1 A consignment of 4 rabbits or less fulfills the requirements stipulated in Article 2.2.

3.3.2.2 A consignment of 5 rabbits or more fulfills the requirements stipulated in Article 2.3.

3.3.3 Start and end dates of pre-export quarantine.

3.3.4 Name of medicine, dosage and date of treatments for internal and external

parasites.

- 3.4 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.
4. The animals shall be transported in cargo holds with clean containers which have been treated with disinfectant approved by the competent authority of the exporting country. No additional feed, straw and forage, bedding or other susceptible animals are allowed to be loaded en route to the destination. The means of transport and transit shall comply with the World Organisation for Animal Health Terrestrial Animal Health Code and the Live Animal Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).