



Live Research Rodents to Japan (Guidance)

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1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the OMAR – Live Research Rodents to Japan. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.

2 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) No import permit is required.

3 Additional information

- (1) With regards to clause 1.1, the premises of origin of the laboratory rodents is a bona fide university institution which is approved as a containment facility by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).
Any reference to the storage facility means a containment facility which has been approved by MPI. See the following link for further information on steps to get [facility approval](#).
- (2) To gain and maintain approval to be a containment facility, operators must comply with the specific requirements outlined in the relevant facility standard.
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- (3) With regards to clause 1.1.1, and supervision, the facility is audited internally to the *MAF Biosecurity Authority Standard 154.03.03: Containment Facilities for Vertebrate Laboratory Animals*, dated 31 October 2002, twice a year. This includes but is not limited to, imports/exports, track and trace of all animals from delivery or birth until the animals leave the facility (alive or dead), and *The Australia New Zealand Standard for Containment AS/NZS 2243.3*, section 6, Animal Containment Facilities.
See the following link for further information on the [responsibilities of approved facilities](#).
- (4) With regards to clause 1.1.3, and control measures and counter measures against outbreaks in the storage facilities, the institution has full control over entry into the containment facility. All bedding is autoclaved, all food is irradiated and in the highest barrier area all the water is purified. Staff change clothing upon entry into the facility and put on extra personal protective equipment upon entry to any room containing animals. All animals introduced into the facility are held in an isolated quarantine facility to ensure the health status of the animals prior to introduction to the containment facility.
- (5) With regards to clause 1.1.4, and the examinations being carried out periodically, approved containment facility operators have responsibilities which are outlined in the relevant facility standard. MPI reviews every approved containment facility at least once a year. In addition to MPI verification inspections, every containment facility must also complete an internal audit at least once a year.

- (6) With regards to clause 1.3, the information concerning the feeding and sanitary care is recorded in documents which covers the rodent's full lifetime in the scientific institutional facility.

This particular information is covered in the *MAF Biosecurity Authority Standard 154.03.03: Containment Facilities for Vertebrate Laboratory Animals*, dated, 31 October 2002, to which all approved containment facility operators adhere to.

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