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Animal Quarantine Service,
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Importation of laboratory dogs or cats into Japan

The following information must be included in the health certificate:

- The animals must be identified by a microchip or other ways.
- The animals have shown no clinical signs of rabies (and leptospirosis only for dog)
- The facility must be designated as an exporting facility of laboratory dogs or cats by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.
- The animals originate from a group that has been kept isolated for at least 180 days or since birth until immediately before shipment to Japan in the facility.
- No animal has been introduced into the group of origin for at least 180 days until immediately before shipment to Japan.
- There has been no outbreak of rabies in the facility for at least two years prior to shipment to Japan.
- The transport cage must be sealed and the animals must be shipped directly to Japan from the designated facility without passing through other facilities.