

## **Mouse and Rat Tissues (Including Blood) Imported to France for Research Purposes**

Export certificates from APHIS are not required and should not be endorsed for mouse or rat tissues (including blood) exported to France **for research purposes**. Rather a declaration (described below) **from the French importer** is required to be presented at the French port.

Information provided by the French Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Services:

Mouse brains exported from the U.S. into France for research purposes do not fall under Regulation EC 1774/2002, but rather under French national legislation, which is the decree of April 5, 2002 (in French, "arrête du 5 avril 2002"). This decree stipulates that such products must have a document prepared by the French importer that will be examined at the point of entry to France (in French "poste d'inspection frontalier").

This document must include the following: designation of the product and HS code, quantity, country of origin, name and address of the sending facility, name and address of the first recipient of the product. The parcel must be labeled with "exclusively for research or pharmaceutical use" (in French "exclusivement destines a un usage recherche ou pharmaceutique") and "product not for human or animal consumption" (in French "produits non destines a l'alimentation humaine ou animale") with the name and address of the first recipient of the product.

In addition, under articles 5 and 6 of the April 5, 2002 decree, products must travel in watertight containers with no risk of leak or loss of the product.