ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Shipments of transport enclosures must contain informational documents.

[3.13, 3.14, 3.35, 3.36, 3.60, 3.61, 3.87, 3.112, 3.113, 3.137]

Criteria

Shipping documents include but are not limited to:

- carrier waybill
- food and water instructions
- acclimation certificate

Shipping documents must be attached to a primary enclosure:

- securely
- in a readily accessible manner
- on the outside of any primary enclosure in the shipment

A plastic pocket or sleeve on the enclosure may contain the shipping documents.

Species Specific

Dogs and Cats [3.14(h)]

For surface transportation, the shipping documents must be:

- held by the operator of the primary conveyance, or
- attached to a primary enclosure for:
 - easy detachment for examination
 - easy and secure re-attachment

Additional information to provide with the shipment includes, but is not limited to, instructions for the administration of:

- medications
- drugs
- other special care

Guinea Pigs and Hamsters [3.35(b)]

Shipping documents must include a certificate of compliance if the transport enclosure does not conform to the structural strength requirements.

A certificate of compliance must be provided by:

- the registered research facility, or
- any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States having laboratory animal facilities

The certificate of compliance must contain:

- the signature of the consignor
- a certifying statement (e.g., "I hereby certify that the (number) primary enclosure(s) which is/are used to transport the animal(s) in this shipment complies (comply) with the USDA standards for primary enclosures (9 CFR Section 3.36).")

NOTE: The certificate of compliance is not valid if:

- the primary enclosure is obviously defective or damaged and
- it is apparent that the primary enclosure cannot reasonably be expected to contain the live guinea pig/hamster without causing suffering or injury

Rabbits [3.60(b)]

Shipping documents must include a certificate of compliance if the transport enclosure does not conform to the structural strength requirements.

A certificate of compliance must be provided by:

- the registered research facility, or
- any department, agency or instrumentality of the United
 States having laboratory animal facilities

The certificate of compliance must contain:

- the signature of the consignor
- a certifying statement (e.g., "I hereby certify that the (number) primary enclosure(s) which is/are used to transport the animal(s) in this shipment complies (comply) with the USDA standards for primary enclosures (9 CFR Section 3.36).")

NOTE: The certificate of compliance is not valid if:

- the primary enclosure is obviously defective or damaged and
- it is apparent that the primary enclosure cannot reasonably be expected to contain the live rabbit without causing suffering or injury

Nonhuman Primates [3.87(g)]

For surface transportation, the shipping documents must be:

- held by the operator of the primary conveyance, or
- attached to a primary enclosure for:
 - easy detachment for examination
 - easy and secure re-attachment

Additional information to provide with the shipment includes, but is not limited to, instructions for administration of:

- medications
- drugs
- other special care

Marine Mammals

Documents accompanying the shipment must be: [3.113(g)]

- in the possession of the shipping attendant, or
- attached to the primary enclosure:
 - on the outside
 - in an easily accessible manner

Shipping documents must include a certificate of compliance if the transport enclosure does not conform to the structural strength requirements of Section 3.113. [3.112(b)]

The certificate of compliance must:

- be provided by: [3.112(b)]
 - the registered research facility, or
 - any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States having laboratory animal facilities
- accompany the shipment to its destination

The certificate of compliance must contain: [3.112(b)]

- the name and address of the consignor
- the number, age and sex of the animals in the primary transport enclosure
- a certifying statement [e.g., "I hereby certify that the (number) primary transport enclosure(s) that are used to transport the animal(s) in this shipment complies (comply) with USDA standards for primary transport enclosures (9 CFR part 3)."]

- the signature of the consignor, and
- the date the certificate was signed

NOTE: The certificate of compliance is not valid if:

- the primary enclosure is obviously defective or damaged and
- it is apparent that the primary enclosure cannot reasonably be expected to contain the marine mammal without causing suffering or injury