

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE
STATE ADMINISTRATION FOR ENTRY-EXIT INSPECTION AND
QUARANTINE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON QUARANTINE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR RABBIT
IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The State Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (CIQ SA) and the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America (USDA), through friendly negotiations, have agreed to the following quarantine and health requirements for rabbit to be imported from the United States to China:

Article 1

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of USDA shall be responsible for the implementation of quarantine and inspection procedures of rabbits to be exported and the issuance of health certificates.

Article 2

The Chinese side shall send veterinarians to the farms of origin, testing laboratories, and quarantine facilities to cooperate with U.S. veterinarians in conducting the inspection and quarantine.

Article 3

USDA officially confirms that the farms of origin meet the following conditions:

- 3.1 The states where the rabbits to be exported originate shall be free from viral haemorrhagic disease of rabbits, that is, the rabbits to be exported shall be from the states except Iowa.
- 3.2 The rabbits to be exported did not originate from the States which is not free from myxomatosis such as California and Oregon.
- 3.3 There have been no occurrence of *Treponema cuniculi* and *Clostridium welchii* infection on the farms of origin during the 12 months prior to embarkation.
- 3.4 There have been no clinical cases of pasteurellosis and coccidiosis on the farms of origin during the 12 months prior to embarkation.
- 3.5 There have been no occurrence of myxomatosis and tularemia on the farms of origin during the last 3 years, and on any domestic rabbit farms within a radius of 100 km of the farm of origin during the last on year.

Article 4

The animals shall be detained and isolated for at least 30 days prior to shipment in a preembarkation quarantine facility approved by USDA. During this period, they shall be subjected to individual clinical examination and laboratory diagnosis to the following diseases with negative results.

- 4.1 Myxomatosis: Clinical examination.
- 4.2 Tularemia: Slide agglutination test, negative at 1:20 dilution.

- 4.3 *Treponema cuniculi*: Microscopic examination.
- 4.4 Mange and scabies: Clinical examination, microscopic examination when needed.
- 4.5 Coccidiosis: Clinical examination, microscopic examination when needed. In addition, the rabbits must be treated with products approved by USDA. The name of the product and date of treatment must be specified on the health certificate.
- 4.6 *Clostridium welchii* (*C. perfringens* infection): Clinical examination and effective antibiotic treatment during quarantine period.

Article 5

The animals to be exported shall be treated against internal and external parasites prior to shipment under the supervision of a veterinarian authorized by USDA.

Article 6

The animals to be exported shall be examined clinically and found healthy and free from signs of any infectious or contagious diseases within 24 hours before embarkation.

Article 7

All crates, vehicles or aircraft to be used in the transportation of the animals to China shall be cleaned and disinfected with a USDA approved disinfectant.

Article 8

The animals to be exported shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the USDA, indicating: the results of clinical examination; the methods and results of laboratory tests; the names, dosages and manufacturers of parasiticides and disinfectants; and the place and date of performing the above work.

Article 9

Feeds and bedding to be used during the quarantine and transportation shall come from non-epizootic area and meeting veterinary hygiene requirements.

Article 10

During transportation from the quarantine facility to the port of embarkation and to the Chinese port of destination, the animals shall not pass through an epizootic infected area and shall not have contact with animals which are not of the same consignment.

Article 11

Upon the agreement of both parties, this protocol can be amended.

Article 12

This protocol shall enter into force on the date of signing, and shall be terminated six months after the notification from one party is received by the other.

Article 13

This protocol signed in Washington, D.C., on June 21, 2000, Done in duplicate in English and Chinese language; both texts are equally authentic.