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No:

EXPORT OF LABORATORY RATS AND MICE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO AUSTRALIA
HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

CERTIFYING VETERINARIAN: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Number and identification of the animals

Number	Identification	Species/Breed	Sex	Age

Australian Government Department of Agriculture Import Permit Number:

II. Origin of the animals

(a) Name and address of exporter:

(b) Address of premises of origin:

III. Destination of the animals

(a) Name and address of consignee:

(b) Address of premises of destination:

(c) Means of transport:

(d) Date of export:

IV. Health Information

I, the undersigned, being an Official Veterinarian hereby certify that:

(a) on _____, being not more than 72 hours prior to the date of export, I examined the animals identified at paragraph I and found them to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease and external parasites, and in my opinion fit to travel;

(b) the animals for export have been bred and housed for their lifetime in premises that are part of a bona fide scientific institution;

(c) during the 30 days prior to export the animals and any animals in contact with them have remained isolated from animals not of equivalent health status. There were no new introductions to the isolation unit since the beginning of isolation and the animals remained clinically healthy and free from evidence of the diseases listed in paragraph IV (d) and (f) below;

(d) there has been no evidence of hantaviruses, ectromelia virus or rabies in the colony during the 12 months prior to export;

(e) no new animals were introduced to the colony (unless from a colony tested negative for hantavirus) between the time of testing for hantavirus and export;

(f) the United Kingdom is officially free of rabies according to the rules of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code;

(g) (i) the colony containing the animals is housed in accommodation which prevents access from wildlife, including rodents;

(ii) the accommodation of the colony precludes access by insect vectors and the colony is free of infestation with ectoparasites;

(h) ***Either:**

(i) the colony was tested with negative results for hantavirus by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or multiplex fluorescent immunoassay (MFI) during the 6 months immediately prior to export. Animals tested were at least 8 weeks of age. The number of animals tested provided 99% confidence of detecting disease at 25% prevalence. Laboratory reports are attached and include the date of blood sampling, number of animals tested and the number of animals in the colony;

***Or:**

(ii) sentinels of the same species, 8-12 weeks of age were placed in the boxes with the donor animals. An appropriate number of sentinels were tested to provide 99% confidence of detecting disease at 25% prevalence. The sentinels remained in contact for a minimum of 45 days but not more than 120 days prior to testing. Sentinels were tested with negative results for hantavirus by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or multiplex fluorescent immunoassay (MFI) during the 6 months immediately prior to export. Laboratory reports are attached and include the date of introduction of sentinels, date of blood sampling, number of animals tested and the number of animals in the colony; ***Or:**

(iii) testing for hantavirus did not occur.

(j) a written declaration was obtained from the owner/exporter stating that the animals will be transported in containers constructed in

accordance with recognised International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.) standards, being either new containers or containers which have been cleansed and disinfected before use with a disinfectant approved by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

* Delete as applicable

V. This certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of signature.

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Signed RCVS

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(Name in block letters)
Official Veterinarian

Date.....

Address

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