

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
THE ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAP.7)**

**VETERINARY CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
LABORATORY ANIMALS (3/4) – PRIMATES (1/1)**

I COUNTRY OF EXPORT

Any country

II PURPOSE

Laboratory use

III IMPORT LICENCE

Each animal shall be accompanied by a valid import licence issued by the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS).

IV VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate (in English) dated not more than seven (7) days prior to export and signed or endorsed by the competent Veterinary Authority of the country of export describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification, a microchip identification code from an ISO-compliant microchip, and the name and address of the premises of origin of each animal, and certifying to the effect that:

- (i) no case of **yellow fever** has occurred in the country of export in the last twelve (12) months prior to export,
- (ii) the animals were derived from a facility approved by NParks/AVS for the imports of these primates and have been resident at the facility for two (2) years or since birth;
- (iii) no case of rabies, tuberculosis, hepatitis A and B, Herpes-B virus, Simian Immunodeficiency virus, simian haemorrhagic fever, Marburgh virus, Ebola virus (including subtypes Zaire, Sudan, Ivory coast and Reston) and monkeypox has occurred in the premises for the last two (2) years and no wild caught primates have entered these premises during that time;
- (iv) the animals have been tested with negative results for tuberculosis on two occasions at an interval of not less than two (2) weeks in the thirty (30) days prior to export
- (v) the animals have been tested and found free from Salmonella, Shigella and Yersinia using microbiological culture of feces or rectal swabs taken from the primates during the thirty (30) days prior to export;
- (vi) **(in the case of gibbons and great apes only)** the animals have been subjected to a diagnostic test for hepatitis B virus and their current status documented,
- (vii) the animals have been kept in isolation under captivity in mosquito-proof enclosures for at least thirty (30) days prior to export;
- (viii) the animals have not been vaccinated with any vaccine within thirty (30) days of export, unless approved by the NParks/AVS;
- (ix) the animals have been treated for internal and external parasites using effective medication, such as pyrantel, praziquantel, fenbendazole, ivermectin fipronil and/or permethrins.
- (x) the animals were transported in mosquito-proof crates to the port of embarkation and the crates were sprayed with an insecticide immediately prior to export;
- (xi) the animals have been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.
- (xii) the animals would be transported in containers that comply with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.

V DECLARATION FROM MASTER/CAPTAIN OF SHIP/AIRCRAFT

Each consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a signed declaration from the master/captain of the ship/aircraft in which the animals were carried stating:

- (i) the country where the animal(s) had been embarked or emplaned,
- (ii) that no other animal was taken on board the ship/aircraft,
- (iii) the animal(s) had not been landed at any intermediate port outside the country of export. In the case of an aircraft, if the animal was landed, the animal had been conveyed in a crate and remained within the precincts of the airport at which the aircraft landed. Prior permission from NParks/AVS is required should there be a change of aircraft carrying the animals.
- (iv) no animal feed or bedding material was taken on board the ship/aircraft at any intermediate port.
- (v) the animal crates had been sprayed with an insecticide and defective mosquito nettings repaired or replaced immediately on landing in Singapore.

- (vi) the animals have been transported in escape proof containers conforming to the latest International Air Transport Association (IATA) 's Live Animal Regulations (if transport is by air).

VI QUARANTINE

Upon arrival, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of at least thirty (30) days in mosquito-proof enclosures at an approved area within the laboratory facility. The animals shall be subject to the following tests with negative results during quarantine within two weeks of arrival: tuberculin skin test performed using mammalian old tuberculin (MOT) OR comparative skin test with mammalian and avian tuberculin, and other relevant confirmatory tests if required. Animals with positive results will be investigated and appropriate disease control measures imposed, which may include destruction of the animals.

The licensee shall report any sickness or death of the animal to NParks/AVS and such animal may not be disposed of without his permission.

VII APPLICATION FOR IMPORT LICENCE

The owner or his agent must apply for the import licence by submitting an online application through GoBusiness Licensing Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences>) prior to the arrival of animals.

VIII NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The importer or agent must make an appointment for the inspection by submitting an online booking request via <https://avs-eservices.nparks.gov.sg/eservices/>. Please ensure your NParks/AVS Import licence no. & flight details are ready and fill in the required information on your application. Inspections without any prior appointment will be charged \$133.00/hour or part thereof even if performed during office hours.

IX VETERINARY INSPECTION

On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Singapore, the animals and documents (Import Licence, Veterinary Health Certificate and Captain's Declaration) shall be presented to and examined by an authorised Veterinary Officer. If the consignment of animals is found to be healthy and documents are in order, the animals shall be taken straight to the approved quarantine area at the laboratory and shall not be released from quarantine without the permission of NParks/AVS.

X PENALTY

All imports must comply fully with the conditions of the Import Licence and Veterinary Conditions, unless prior written approval has been obtained from NParks/AVS. Any consignment of animals or related products that do not meet the requirements may be detained, returned to the country of export or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare. In addition, the importer shall be guilty of an offence under the Animals and Birds Act Section 8(1) and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

XI FEES

Import Licence – see Fee Schedule: Attachment-2

XII OTHER REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- (i) Under the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 2006, animal species listed in the Appendices to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) **MUST** be accompanied by a CITES import permit issued by NParks and a CITES export/re-export certificate from the country of export/origin of the animal. Please refer to the CITES website at <http://www.cites.org> > Appendices for a list of animal(s) listed in the CITES Appendices. Application for the CITES import permit should be made at least 14 days prior to the date of importation by submitting the application online through GoBusiness Licensing Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences>). Please ensure that a copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate and a specimen report for the animal(s) are attached as supporting documents in the application. The original copy of the CITES export/re-export certificate must also be returned to NParks upon the import of the animal(s). The fee for CITES Permit is in Fee Attachment-2 attached.
- (ii) The importer must be licensed as an Animal Research Facility by NParks/AVS.
- (iii) Under The Wild Animals (Licensing) Order, a licence issued by NParks must be obtained to keep primates.
- (iv) Any expenditure incurred in the process of importation shall be borne by the importer.
- (v) If the animal dies or is destroyed while under the custody of NParks/AVS, NParks/AVS will not be liable for any compensation.
- (vi) Regulations and fees are subject to change without notice notwithstanding the issuance of a licence/permit by NParks/AVS.

Please note:

Section 72 of the Animals and Birds Act states that:

"(1) Any action taken under the provisions of this Act or of any rule, order or direction made or given thereunder in respect of any animal, bird, carcase, article, building or conveyance shall be at the risk of the owner thereof.

(2) No liability shall attach to the Board or to any officer thereof in respect of any expense, loss, damage or delay arising in or from the lawful exercise of the powers under this Act.

Section 78 of the Animals and Birds Act states that:

"No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Board, the Director-General or any authorised officer, police officer, officer of customs or any other person acting under the direction of the Board or Director-General for anything which is in good faith done in the execution or purported execution of this Act."

APPLICATION/ENQUIRIES:

Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS)

Raffles Building

Singapore Botanic Gardens

1 Cluny Road

Singapore 259569

<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/feedback-and-enquiry>

06 May 2025

**DECLARATION BY CAPTAIN /AUTHORISED AIRLINE STAFF OF
AIRCRAFT CARRYING LABORATORY ANIMALS – PRIMATES FOR
IMPORTATION INTO SINGAPORE**

I, _____ (Name), Captain / Authorised Airline Staff of _____
(Flight No.), do hereby declare that:

- (i) the animals had been embarked or emplaned in the country of export (to state the name of the country) on (date) _____,

Name of country of export: _____

- (ii) no other animal was taken on board the aircraft,
- (iii) that the animal(s) had not been landed at any intermediate port. If the animal was landed, the animal had been conveyed in a crate and remained within the precincts of the airport at which the aircraft landed. Prior permission from NParks/AVS is required should there be a change of aircraft carrying the animals.

****Name of intermediate port (if any):** _____

- (iv) that no animal feed or bedding material was taken on board the aircraft at any intermediate port,
- (v) the animal crates have been sprayed with an insecticide, and defective mosquito nettings repaired or replaced immediately on landing in Singapore, and
- (vi) the animals have been transported in escape proof containers conforming to the latest International Air Transport Association (IATA)'s Live Animal Regulations.

Name of Declarant:	Insert Official Stamp here:
Signature:	
Rank:	
Date & Time:	

****Please delete accordingly.**

(9 March 2021)