

Chapter 1–Application of these Regulations

1.1 General

The countries or regions listed below have formally adopted the provisions of the IATA Live Animals Regulations as part of their legislation or through the issuance of a permit authorising air carriers to carry live animals by air as defined in these Regulations. This list of countries will be amended annually in the light of information which may become available. Although every effort is made to ensure that this tabulation is accurate, IATA does not accept responsibility for any errors or omissions:

Australia	Lithuania
Austria	Luxembourg
Belgium	Malaysia
Brunei	Malta
Canada	Netherlands
People's Republic of China ¹	New Zealand
Cyprus	Norway
Czech Republic	Oman
Denmark	Pakistan
Egypt	Philippines
Estonia	Poland
Fiji ¹	Portugal
Finland	Slovakia
France	Slovenia
Germany	Singapore
Greece	South Africa ¹
Hong Kong (SAR)	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Indonesia	Thailand
Ireland	United Arab Emirates
Italy	United Kingdom ²
Kenya	United States ³
Latvia	

¹ Accepted but not formally adopted.

² The IATA Live Animals Regulations must, by law, be complied with when shipping live animals by air to from or within the United Kingdom.

³ The US Fish and Wildlife Service has adopted the container requirements of the IATA Live Animals Regulations for transporting wild mammals and birds to the United States.

The IATA Live Animals Regulations (LAR) are applicable to:

- all airlines which are Members or Associate Members of IATA according to the provisions of Cargo Services Conference Resolution 620;
- all airlines which are Members of IATA according to the provisions of Passenger Services Conference Resolutions 780–Form of Interline Traffic Agreement for Passenger;
- all airlines which are party to the IATA Multilateral Interline Traffic Agreement - Cargo.

Shippers who ship live animals by the above airlines, whether as cargo or as baggage, must comply with the IATA Live Animals Regulations in their entirety, as well as any (additional) government regulations which apply in the state of origin, transit and destination.

The IATA Live Animals Regulations are accepted by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) as guidelines in respect of transportation of animals by air. These Regulations have been used by the Council of Europe as a basis for its code of conduct for the international transport of farm animals. The European Union (former European Community) has adopted the IATA Live Animals Regulations as the minimum standard for transporting animals in containers, pens and stalls. As an increasing number of countries have adopted or accepted these Regulations as a part of their national legislation, shippers are warned that shipping live animals in violation of the Regulations may constitute a breach of the applicable law and may be subject to legal penalties.

Because some government regulations are more restrictive or prohibit the carriage of certain live animals by air, attention must be given to Chapter 2.

Carrier variations are detailed in Chapter 3. Airlines not listed must be consulted for more details. For details of governmental import, export and transit regulations, reference must be made to "The Air Cargo Tariff (rules)", or other applicable airline references.

These Regulations also cover those aspects which must be considered so that animals are carried without harm to the animals themselves and to the handling personnel. Therefore, adherence to these Regulations will contribute to a constant maintenance of animal health and welfare during all phases of transportation.

- The purpose of including guidance information in these Regulations (e.g. the Guidance for Dimensions of Container in Container Requirement 1) is to provide all persons involved in the handling and transport of live animals with general information to ensure that animals always travel in safe, healthy and humane conditions. These are not intended to be used for enforcement purposes but for guidance purposes only.