

PREFACE

The 49th edition of the IATA Live Animals Regulations (LAR) will be effective from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023. The old edition expires and must not be used as of this date.

This new LAR contains the revisions that have been adopted by the IATA Live Animals & Perishables Board (LAPB) in consultation with parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and state authorities that implement the LAR for animal transportation, including those countries signatory to the CITES convention and to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

Important notice: The “In-Cabin Live Animal Checklist” was developed by the LAPB to assist supply chain stakeholders with the acceptance of live animals in the cabin. The checklist has been effective since 1st January 2022, with a 12-month transitional period ending on 31st December 2022 to allow the industry to implement, execute and comply with the requirements. The checklist could be found in section 7.6.2.

Significant Changes and Amendments to the 49th Edition (2023)

The following is an outline of the changes introduced in this edition:

Acknowledgements:

- The Record of Addendum table has been updated to reflect changes in the digital format if and when addenda are released.

Nomenclature

- Addition of new definitions: “Aircraft Container”; “Aircraft Pallet”; “Aircraft Pallet Net”; “Aircraft Unit Load Device (Aircraft ULD)”; “May”; “Must”; “Sedatives, Tranquilizers and Psychoactive Drugs”; “Shall”; “Should”; “Slip Resistant Floor”.

1 - Application of these Regulations

- Amendments to Shipper’s Responsibilities in section 1.2.1 to include the responsibility of ensuring that animals are not tranquilized without veterinary approval and supervision.
- Amendments to section 1.4 to incorporate relevant training competencies.

2 - State Variations

- Amendments to the State Regulations of Australia.
- Amendments to the State Regulations of the United States of America.

3 - Operator Variations

- Avianca - AV
- British Airways - BA
- China Airlines - CI
- Aer Lingus - AI
- Emirates - EK
- Etihad Airways - EY
- flydubai - FZ
- Gulf Air - GF
- Iberia Express - I2
- Iberia - IB
- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines - KL
- Kenya Airways - KQ
- LATAM - LA
- Asiana Airlines - OZ
- Qatar Airways - QR
- Tampa Cargo - QT
- Singapore Airlines - SQ
- Turkish Airlines - TK
- Scoot - TR
- SriLankan Airlines - UL

- Air Austral - UU
- WestJet Cargo - WS
- Up to date State and Operator Variations ensure airlines and shippers are able to manage the transportation of live animals as efficiently as possible. Please submit changes to larper@iata.org
- The Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Live Animals Logistics (CEIV Live Animals) checklist and guidelines are provided for reference in Appendix I.

6 - Listing, Description and Sizes of Species

- Amendments to sections 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 to include new Common and Scientific names.

7 - Documentation

- Amendments to section 7.6 to consolidate the requirements for the Live Animal Acceptance Checklist. Relevant text pertaining to this topic has now been removed from section 10.1.

8 - Container Requirements

- Addition of section 8.1.4.1 on Sedation, Tranquilization and use of Psychoactive Drugs.
- Amendments to Container Requirement 2, in particular to the following sections:
 - **APPLICABLE TO;**
 - **CONTAINER CONSTRUCTION:** Size; Frame; Sides; Floor; Roof; Aircraft Horse Transport ULD;
 - **PREPARATIONS BEFORE DISPATCH;**
 - **FEED AND WATERING.**
- Deletion of Container Requirement 31 with its guidance incorporated into Container Requirement 32.
- Amendments to the General Container Requirements 31-34 to integrate the revised guidance for CR 32.
- New illustrations developed for Container Requirement 32.
- Amendments to Container Requirement 78 to extend applicability of container standards to koalas, opossums and possums.
- New illustrations developed for Container Requirement 78.
- Amendments to the General Container Requirements for Aquatics 50-60 and Container Requirement 59 to align with the provisions set out in the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR).

10 - Handling Procedures

- Amendment to section 10.1 on best practice for operators when accepting pet animals ahead of scheduled departure time.
- Amendments to section 10.3.1 to provide further clarity on general loading procedures.
- Amendments to section 10.4.1 to provide further clarity on specific handling procedures for horses.

Throughout the IATA LAR

- The organisation previously known as the OIE is furthering the use of its full name, World Organisation for Animal Health, with the matching acronym WOAAH. OIE has therefore now been replaced with WOAAH throughout the Regulations.

IATA, by means of the LAPB and its Animal Care Team as well as Advisory Group, continues its long-term commitment towards the safety requirements in civil aviation, whilst taking into consideration animal welfare, scientific progress and commercial trade realities.

Training is paramount to effective implementation, therefore the IATA Live Animals Regulations (LAR) require recurrent training that must be provided within 36 months of previous training.

The LAPB, in agreement with the CITES Secretariat, decided to include the CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants as an Annex G to the IATA Live Animals Regulations. The aim is to promote as much as possible a uniform approach in a multimodal environment for the transport of live animals.

The IATA Live Animals Regulations (LAR) are published by the IATA Live Animals & Perishables Board (LAPB) pursuant to IATA Cargo Services Conference Resolutions 620 and constitute a manual of industry operator regulations to be followed by all IATA member airlines. All persons who ship, accept or load animals must be familiar with the specific handling requirements for the individual species to ensure that animals always travel in safe, healthy and humane conditions.

Comments, improvements and editorial suggestions from other interested parties and international organizations, involved in the humane transportation of live animals have been carefully analyzed when these Regulations were updated.

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Note:

The mobile version of these Regulations includes a feature that lists all of the changes, insertions or deletions made in the particular edition.

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