

**NOTE: JAPAN HAS UPDATED THEIR REQUIREMENTS  
TO IMPORT DOGS AND CATS AS FOLLOWS:**

**- Exemption from 180-day waiting in an exporting country**

Waiting period (180 days) in an exporting country is exempted if the latest serological test confirms that the level of rabies antibody titer in the dog or cat is 0.5 IU/ml or higher. The above mentioned serological test shall be carried out within two years of the previous test which also indicated the sufficient level of rabies antibody titer (0.5 IU/ml).

**- The use of recombinant rabies vaccine**

Recombinant rabies vaccine can be used for immunization for dogs and cats to be imported to Japan.

**- Conditional approval of immunization history before microchip implantation**

An immunization before microchip implantation is deemed to be valid as the first vaccination under the condition where the competent authority of an exporting country certifies the following:

- 1) Dates of the vaccination and microchip implantation for animal identification
- 2) Date of blood sampling for a serological test: the blood sample for the first rabies antibody serological test shall be taken between the microchip implantation and the second vaccination
- 3) Result of the serological test described in 2): level of rabies antibody titer in the animal shall be 0.5 IU/ml or higher