

Rodent Origin Materials for Purposes Other than Consumption

Spain does not require Regulation 142/2011 certification for rodent materials imported from the United States for most purposes other than consumption. This means that these materials do not generally have to come from facilities approved under Regulation 142/2011. Exporters should have their Spanish importers apply to Spanish authorities for an import permit. That permit does not require APHIS facility approval or certification.

Rodent genetic material and biological material for research does not currently fall under EU legislation as a harmonized commodity. Therefore, Member States may determine the national requirements for import. Spain established and published the IMP-163 model health certificate on the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food website. https://www.mapa.gob.es/eu/ganaderia/temas/comercio-exterior-ganadero/imp-163certificateofsemenaandembryoslab_tcm35-381437.pdf

The model certificate must accompany the rodent genetic and biological products, and it must be signed by an official veterinarian of the country of origin. It is not necessary to have an import permit from the Spanish authorities. (Information provided by the Spanish Embassy Office of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food-December 2023)