

# Guide to Importing Hearing and Other Assistance Dogs from Overseas

When importing hearing and other assistance dogs from overseas, it is necessary to undergo import quarantine.

Please ensure that all necessary preparations are completed, and submit the advance notification as early as possible.

## The necessary preparations depend on the country of departure.

In addition to microchipping, if the country of departure is a non-designated region, rabies vaccination, rabies antibody test, and a 180-day waiting period will also be required.

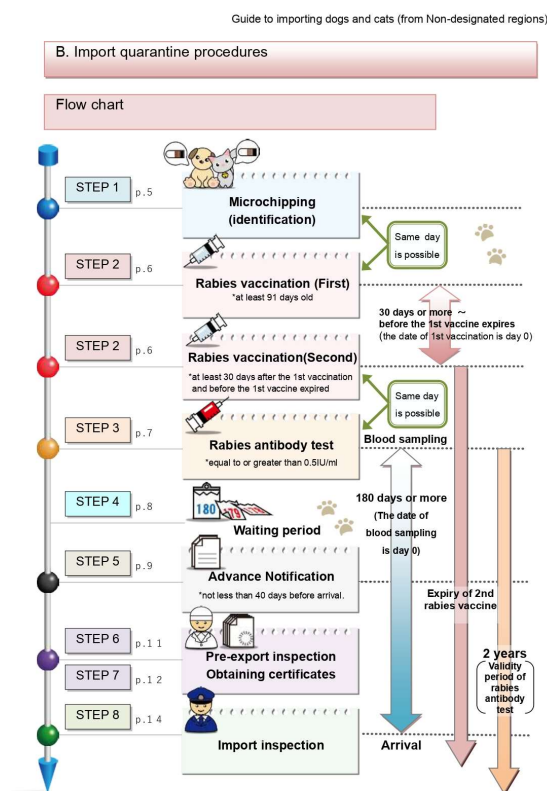
Please refer to the guidebook and flowchart below to proceed with the necessary preparations.

### Guide to importing dogs and cats into Japan from Non-designated regions

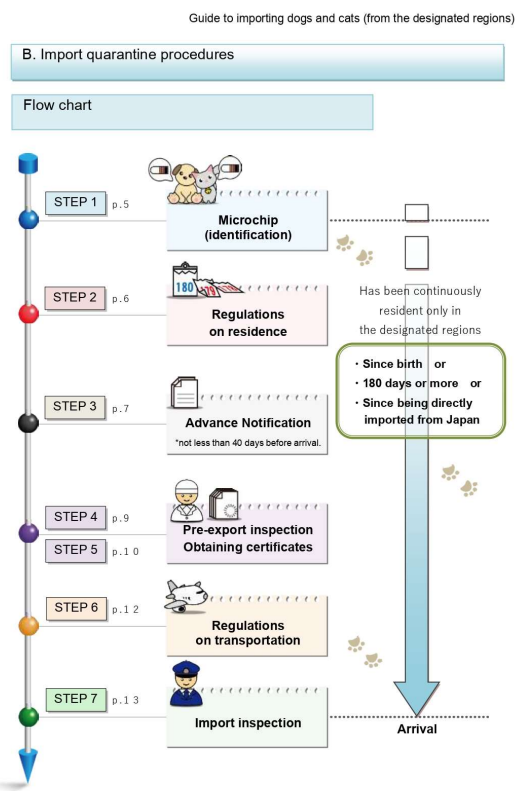
**Preparations will take more than 7 months.**

### Guide to importing dogs and cats into Japan from designated regions

**Designated regions:**  
Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands, Hawaii, and Guam.



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When returning to your home country, an export inspection is required. Additionally, import conditions vary by **destination country**. Please confirm the import requirements with the relevant local authorities of your destination in advance and make the necessary preparations accordingly.

**For more details, please contact the Animal Quarantine Service.**

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