

**Lab Animals** 

### **Animal Tracks**

# Validation of Transporter Training and SOP's for The Transport of Lab Animals

#### Ground Transportation Requirements For Shipping Companies; You Must:

- Validate operational capabilities of your transporters
- · Validate equipment, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) and training
- Provide training if necessary to employee's
- Obtain copies of transporter's regulatory agency registrations, permits and licenses

## Proper Long Distance Vehicles Must Have:

- Redundant HVAC systems
- Redundant Power supplies
- Fresh Air source(s)
- Temperature alarm system(s)
- Temperature validation
- Insurance
- Disinfection Procedures
- Emergency service plan
- Holding facilities (if applicable)

## Proper Local Delivery Vehicles Must Have:

- Non-porous floors and walls
- Heat and Air-conditioning
- Cargo vans are preferred
- Disinfection/sanitizing and cleaning procedures
- Insurance
- Holding facilities (if applicable)
- Emergency service plan

#### **Delivery Vehicles -**

#### **Domestic Air Transport Requirements include:**

- Communication between institutions
- Communication with courier
- Does courier have proper vehicle and aircraft options
- Crates and packing

#### **International Air Transport Requirements include:**

- Communication between institutions
- ADVANCE communication with courier
- Export and Import Permits
- Pre-clearance through Customs
- Customs access in case of clearance delays

#### **Air Transport Loading**

#### **Animal Care In Transit**

- Non-regulated species requirements
- Regulated species requirements
- Emergency veterinary care plan
- Documentation of care while in transit
- Feeding and watering

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