
ARBA AIRLINE GUIDE

Official ARBA Reference Guide of Airline Carriers
Offering Transport for Rabbits and Cavies.



ALL RABBIT AND CAVY BREEDERS FLYING TO CONVENTION UPDATE!

MESSAGE FROM THE ARBA AIRLINE CHAIRPERSON - Update 9/21/16

The time has come to prepare your containers for shipping. Each airlines over the past week has made up a check sheet specific to their airlines for you.

Please note **Alaska Airlines** has made a decision on 9/21/16 that we can **only use Nuts and Bolts on the Rigid Plastic Containers**. **NO zip ties**.

American Airlines has opened their booking window to 10 days before departure for us. They have very specific temperature regulations you must follow. **IF YOU ARE FLYING AMERICAN AIRLINES CARGO-PRIORITY PARCEL SHIPMENT – NOT CHECKED PET AT TICKET COUNTER FROM THE FOLLOWING AIRPORTS-** Dallas, Miami, Chicago, JFK, Philadelphia, Charlotte, Raleigh, Phoenix, LA and San Diego, these airports have been notified of the case study. If you are flying out of another American PPS airport you must notify me (Pat Vezino) by September 26 so we can notify them of the case study requirements so you can fly out of there.

United and American has changed their wording on the number of compartments within the container but it basically means the same. Also their wording on how your animals should fit in the container is a little different but basically your animal needs to be able to turn around in the container if it wants to with ease. This is true for all the airlines. Both United and American will only take the rigid container method.

For all airlines please **print two copies** of the Airlines and Container Requirements. Remember not all airlines are taking both methods of shipping. So print the one you are using for the airlines you are flying. We suggest two copies so in case the airport takes it from you . You will need the check sheet upon your return home from San Diego.

If you follow the case study check in sheet and you have problems or are at risk of refusal please stay calm. Ask the employee to call their supervisor or phone numbers they have been directed to . After that step if you are still not successful (stay calm) I need you to send me (Pat Vezino) a photo from your phone to my phone 517-927-2368 of your container system outside and inside. Give me a call after you have sent the photos. I have a procedure in place with the corporate office if this should happen.

These airlines are taking this case study very seriously. They want to get you on board safely and swiftly if you follow the case study. The airlines are anxious for us to collect data and want us to have successful data to present IATA the week after convention. They do want us to get our carriers approved for future flights, but they need them IATA approved (yes even if they have been shipping them for decades as they are . I guess the old saying two wrongs don't make a right). Remember they do have regulations to follow and it just caught up to us to get these carriers airline approved by IATA. They don't want to get in violation with IATA.

You have every right not to follow the case study **BUT** then the airline corporate office and the ARBA airline committee cannot assist you if you are refused at the airport. If you are not flying on one of these airlines it is suggested you take your container into the airport soon. Have them examine it and get the persons name and phone number that you have approval to ship it. **This is ONLY for an airline not participating in the case study.**

Remember if your containers don't look like the ones on the check list sheets you run a risk of being rejected at the airport. Our committee wants you to have a pleasant flying experience to convention.

Please look for your **data collection sheet** in your check in packet. It is very important **ALL** exhibitors if you flew or not, **fill one out**. This data will be compiled for our IATA case study . Future flight guidelines depend on this data. **PLEASE** take the time to fill it out and **return to check in desk with your entries.**

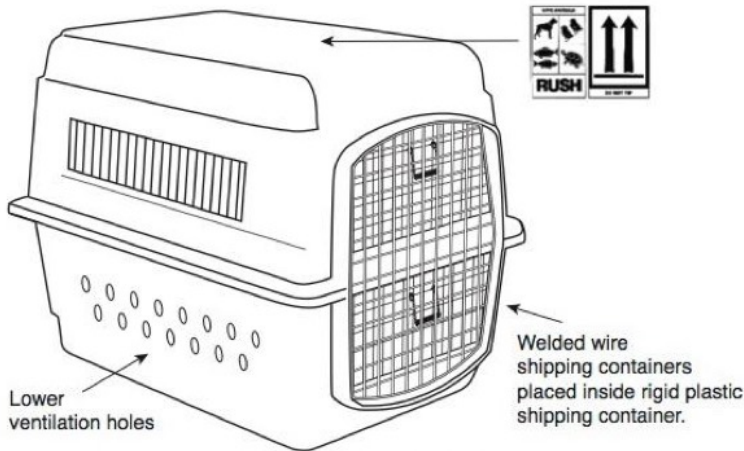
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ALASKA AIRLINES CARGO AND EXCESS BAGGAGE IATA CASE STUDY

October 1-15, 2016 Only - Destination to and from San Diego, CA

For Rabbits and Guinea Pigs - (ALTERNATIVE TO LAR CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS 81)

RIGID PLASTIC CONTAINER SHIPPING METHOD CHECK LIST



Heavy welded wire containers are placed inside rigid plastic container. The size may not exceed 36 x 25 x 27 inches (a series 400 dog kennel).

Rabbits

One rabbit per individual compartment within a container.

Max 15 rabbits per one rigid plastic container unit.

Guinea pigs (Cavies)

Up to two guinea pigs per individual compartment within a container.

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Individual compartment should sized compactly for animals safety.

Animals are not required to stand up or move around excessively.

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Rigid Plastic Container

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- Additional holes are required in the lower half of the rigid plastic container for proper ventilation.
- Rigid plastic container has a front door.
- Rigid plastic container must be assembled using nuts and bolts only. (Effective 9/21/16)**
- Rigid plastic container must not have wheels on bottom.
- A cage cart may be placed upside down on the top of the container. The cart must be securely fastened.
- Containers must not be placed on top of the cart during transit.

Floor

- Raised wire mesh grid 1/2 x 1 inch for rabbits.
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Food / Water

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Sides

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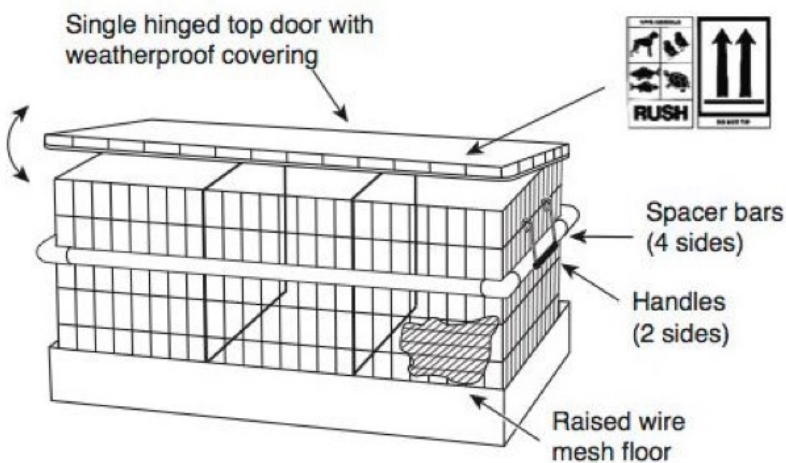
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SPACER BAR / HANDLE SHIPPING METHOD CHECK LIST



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Sides

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- Compartment dividers must be chew proof.
- Each container must have it's own set of spacer bars, even if clipped together.
- Spacers bars are made of rigid PVC pipe or an equivalent metal profile.
- Spacer bar should extended 1 inch on all four sides.
- Spacers bars are affixed with multiple chew-resistant nylon zip ties or fasteners.
- No additional side covering may be applied.

Roof

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Rabbit Breeders Assoc. IATA Case Study – Rigid Plastic Container Method Check List
American Airlines Cargo-PPS shipping guideline- Not valid for Checked Pet at ticket counters.

Bookings are valid for the dates of OCTOBER 1- 15 – No Extension

Domestic cities to and from San Diego, CA ONLY

This letter must accompany all shipments tendered for acceptance at PPS Locations
For Rabbits and Guinea Pigs –ALTERNATIVE TO LAR CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS 81

PPS & Live Animal shipping guidelines apply to all shipments.

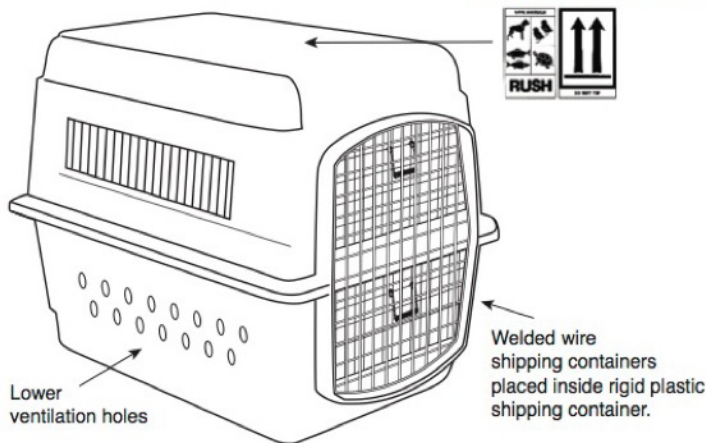
American Priority Parcel Shipment (PPS Service Centers Only)

PPS Centers can be located at https://www.aacargo.com/downloads/pps_city_served.pdf

Book through AA Live Animal Desk no earlier than 10 days prior to departure.

www.aacargo.com/animals, call 24/7 Live Animals Desk-800-227-4622

NO Checks or Cash. CC Only. (Effective September 2016)



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Inner Heavy Welded Wire Container

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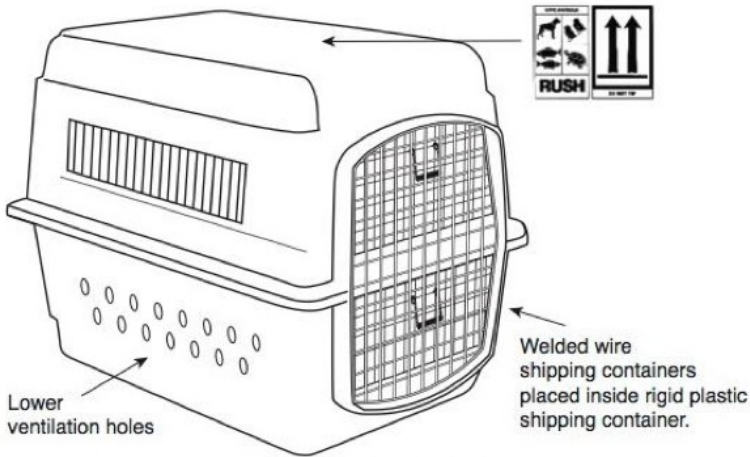
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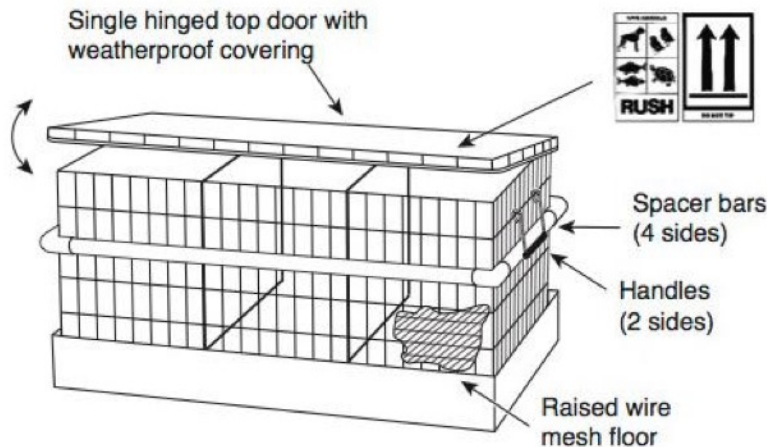
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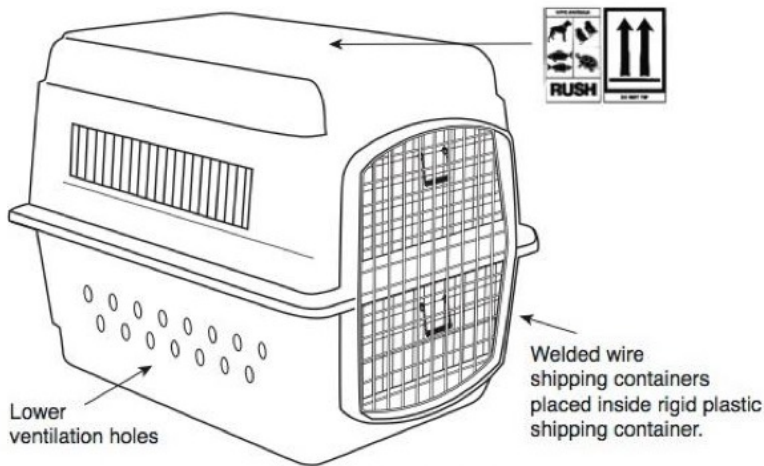
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