

IATA LIVE ANIMAL REGULATIONS

CONTAINER REQUIREMENT 20 – APPLICABLE TO RAPTORS & BIRDS OF PREY





PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

The following principles of design must be met in addition to the General Container Requirements outlined in the IATA Live Animal Regulations.



MATERIALS

Wood, hardboard (masonite), non-toxic plastic, fiberglass and synthetics, welded wire mesh and strong plastic mesh.



SIZE

The normal habits and necessary freedom of movement of the bird species involved will determine the size.

The height of the container must be sufficient to allow the bird to just be able to stand in a normal position. No head clearance is required for these species because they tend to jump up forcefully if permitted to do so.

The container or compartment of a container must be wide enough so that the bird can turn round without stretching its wings to their full extent.

Multiple-compartment containers can be used provided there is sufficient ventilation.



FRAME

A solid wood frame, either screwed or nailed and glued with a non-toxic glue, located on the outside.



SIDES

The sides must be either wood or hardboard.

The interior of the container must not have sharp edges or protuberances on which the birds can injure themselves.

The front of the container must be covered in welded wire mesh to provide extra ventilation, which must comprise 75% of the frontal area. The welded wire mesh must be no greater than 19 mm x 19 mm (¾ in x ¾ in) and at least 1.5 mm (0.06 in) or thicker. There must be a curtain, which can be raised and lowered, fixed over the welded wire mesh or bars to provide dim light inside the container.



HANDLING SPACER BARS/HANDLES

Must be provided as shown in the illustration on four sides of the container.



FLOOR

Solid and leak-proof, it can be covered with carpeting in order to allow the bird to get a firm foothold.



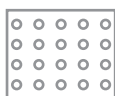
PERCHES

These species can travel safely standing on their feet but small raptors prefer to be off the ground and a wooden block, firmly fixed to the bottom of the container, will allow it to feel secure.



STOCKING DENSITY

One bird per container or compartment of a container.



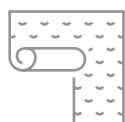
ROOF

The roof must be solid, however ventilation holes are permitted. When padding is used, it must be non-destructible.



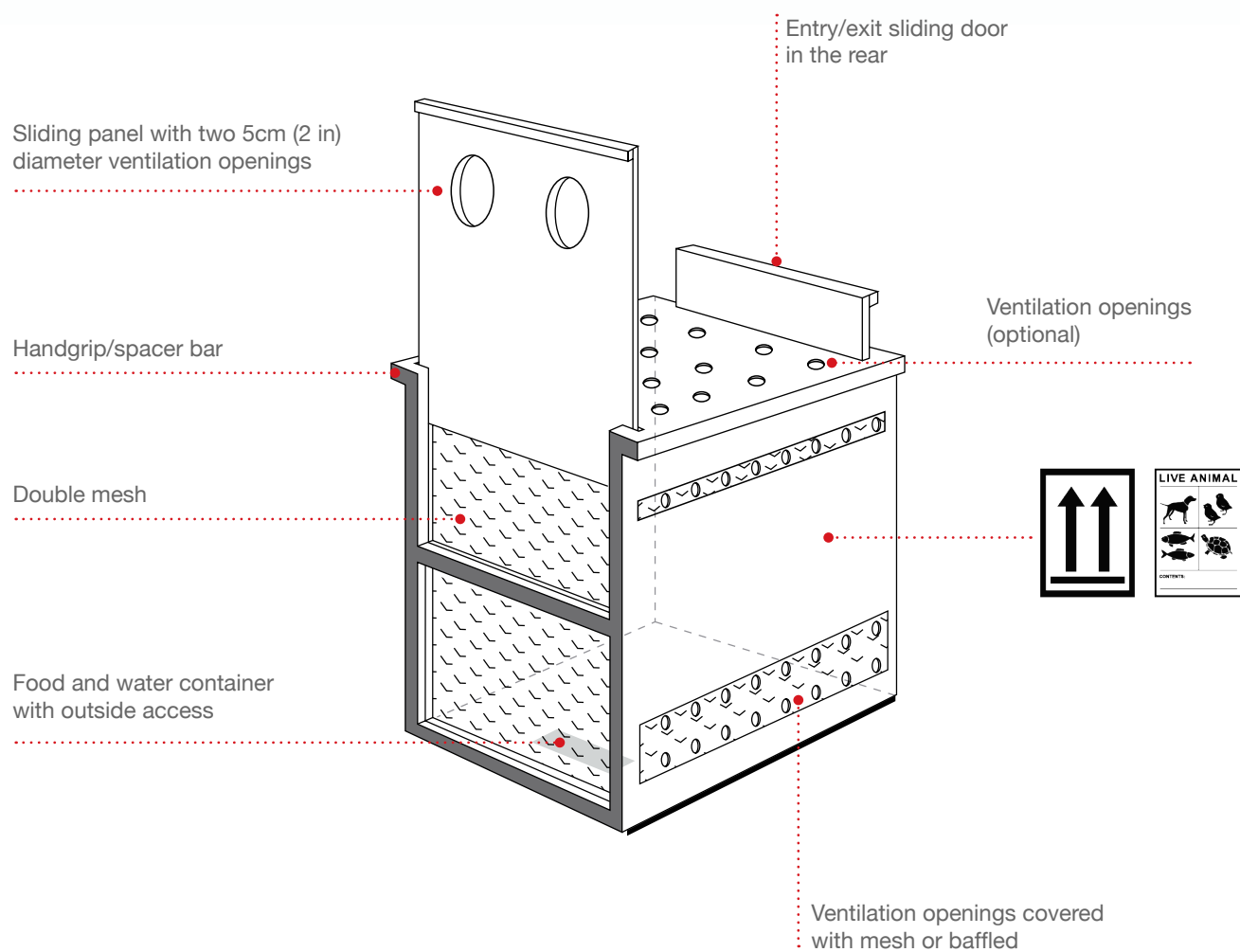
DOOR

A vertical or horizontal sliding or hinged door must be constructed to cover the front plastic mesh of the container and it must have at least two observation openings of approximately 5 cm (2 in) in the upper third.



VENTILATION

Meshed ventilation openings, approximately 2.5 cm (1 in) in diameter must be provided at approximately 5 cm (2 in) distance apart along all four sides of the container. There must be a line of openings near the base large enough to allow some light into the container in order that the bird can see well enough to eat while remaining in semi-darkness. The openings must be covered by external welded wire mesh but care must be taken that there are no sharp edges present within the container, all edges must be covered with a smooth material. The welded wire mesh insert covering ventilation openings must be securely fixed to the container so that the animal cannot dislodge it.



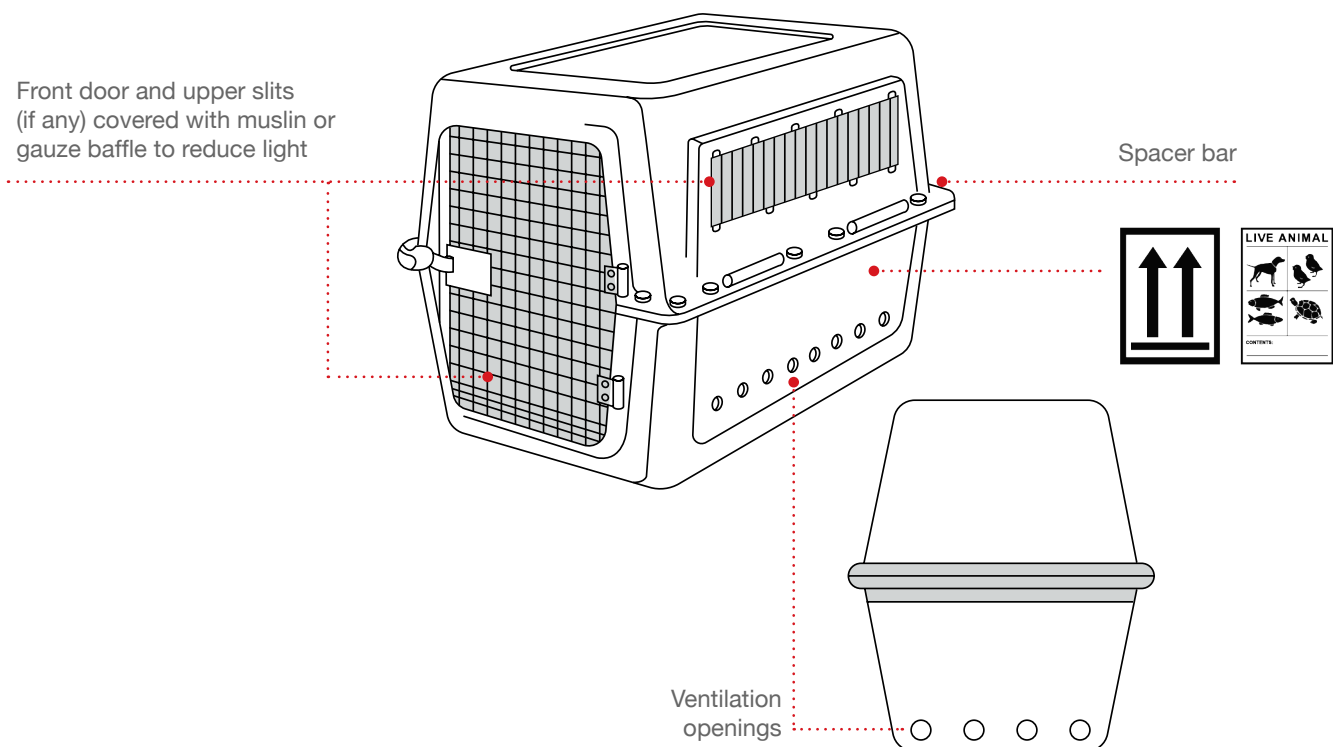
Note: Food and water troughs must be provided.

RIGID PLASTIC PET CONTAINERS

A modified rigid plastic pet container is suitable for use.

The following modifications must be made:

- A fixed foothold blocks or slip resistant floor lining must be fixed appropriately to the floor of the container.
- When padding is used, it must be non-destructible and must be fixed to the roof.
- The doors and ventilation openings must be baffled with a suitable material to permit air to enter but keep the container in semi-darkness (muslin, gauze or light sack cloth).
- An observation opening/flap into the container must be present.
- A suitable water container must be fixed inside the container with a means of refilling.
- Labelling must conform to IATA standards for Live Animals.
- If a container has wheels, they must be removed or rendered inoperable.
- Welded wire mesh must cover all ventilation openings and must be securely fixed to the container so that the animal cannot dislodge it.



Kindly refer to the below link for further information on Container Requirements:

<https://www.iata.org/contentassets/b0016da92c86449f850fe9560827bbea/pet-container-requirements.pdf>