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Importing Swine and Germplasm into the United States

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There are many processes involved with importing different species of regulated live animals into the United States. This page explains the requirements for importing live swine and swine semen.

[View Countries From Which Swine and Their Germplasm May Be Imported](#)

Requirements

Ports of Entry

Canadian Border Ports

The following land border ports are designated as having the necessary inspection facilities for the entry of [swine](#) from Canada:

- Eastport, Idaho
- Houlton and Jackman, Maine
- Detroit, Port Huron, and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
- Baudette, Minnesota
- Opheim, Raymond, and Sweetgrass, Montana
- Alexandria Bay, Buffalo, and Champlain, New York
- Dunseith, Pembina, and Portal, North Dakota
- Derby Line and Highgate Springs, Vermont
- Oroville and Sumas, Washington

Mexican Border Ports

The following land border ports are designated as having the necessary inspection facilities for the entry of [swine](#) from Mexico:

- Brownsville, Hidalgo, Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Presidio, and El Paso, Texas
- Douglas, Naco, Nogales, Sasabe, and San Luis, Arizona
- Calexico and San Ysidro, California
- Antelope Wells, and Columbus, New Mexico

Air and Ocean Ports

The following ports have APHIS inspection and quarantine facilities necessary for quarantine stations and all [swine](#) shall be entered into the United States through these stations:

- Los Angeles, California
- Miami, Florida
- Newburgh, New York

Live Swine

These species may only be imported from the following listed countries.

Canada

- Protocol [Swine Import from Canada](#) (176.35 KB)- 2022
- Protocol [Farm Raised Wild Boar Import from Canada](#) (237.98 KB)- 2020
- Protocol [Transit of Swine, Sheep and Goats from Canada to Mexico by Land Through the United States](#) (184.31 KB)

European Union: A permit and export health certificate are required.

- Protocol [Breeding Swine Import from European Union Member States Recognized as Low-Risk for Classical Swine Fever](#) (222.4 KB)
- Model Health Certificate [Live Swine Import from European Union Member States Recognized as Low-Risk for Classical Swine Fever](#) (203.65 KB)

United Kingdom: The same conditions as designated in the Protocol for Breeding Swine Import from European Union Member States are used for this type of import. A permit and export health certificate are required.

- Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales): Health certificate [1196EHC_V5_GB.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)
- Northern Ireland: Health Certificate [1196EHC_V5_NI.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Swine Semen

Canada

- No permit is required if the semen tanks are transported by land; an export health certificate is required to import swine semen from Canada.

European Union: A permit and export health certificate are required.

- Model Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from Member States of the EU](#) (167.33 KB)
- Model Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from the Netherlands](#) (170.19 KB)

Norway: A permit and export health certificate are required.

- Model Health Certificate [Swine semen import from Norway](#) (58.3 KB)

United Kingdom: A permit and export health certificate are required.

- Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales): Health Certificate [1319EHC_V1_GB.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)
- Northern Ireland: Health Certificate [1319EHC_V1_NI.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)

What You Need To Know

- U.S. transits are classified as shipments presented to a U.S. port of entry for conveyance purposes to then be transported to a destination country shortly after. [Notice Regarding APHIS Live Animal Import and Third-Country Import Transit Permits](#) (272.29 KB).
- Please note that any animals and their germplasm transiting the United States must not transit countries with questionable disease statuses prior to reaching a U.S. port of entry.
- All transits require a contingency plan. Please submit your contingency plan with your permit application ([VS 17-129](#)) to laipermits@usda.gov. To submit an import permit electronically, visit [APHIS eFile](#).

If you are applying to import live animals, semen, and embryos, you may submit applications by email to laipermits@usda.gov

Contact Us

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