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Live Animal Exports (Moving Animals to Another Country)

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This page contains information about exporting hatching eggs, germplasm (semen, embryos, oocytes), and live animals other than pets from the United States to a foreign country or territory. If you're looking for information about taking a pet to another country, visit Pet Travel.

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Country Requirements

International Regulations for Animal Exports (IRegs)

IRegs provides exporters with our best understanding of importing countries' requirements for live animals, including hatching eggs and germplasm. Please select the country of destination from the drop-down menu below, and then click "View Requirements."

Live Animal Export Country Requirements

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If your country is not listed, the requirements for that species are not known. Exporters who want to ship live animals to a country whose requirements are not listed should apply for an import permit from the appropriate authority of the destination country, either directly or via the importer or buyer in the destination country. The import permit should outline the specific conditions that must be met to ship.

More Information

Looking for the latest country requirement updates? See the [History of Requirement Updates for Live Animal Exports](#).

Want to receive email updates from APHIS about live animal exports? [Sign up](#) and select the "Veterinary Services - IREGS Live Animals Updates (Exports)" topic.

Live Animal Export Resources

[Frequently Asked Questions About Live Animal Exports](#)

[Find answers to common questions about exporting live animals.](#)

[Find an Accredited Veterinarian](#)

[Use our self-search tool to find an accredited veterinarian in your State.](#)

[Veterinary Export Health Certification System \(VEHCS\)](#)

[USDA-accredited veterinarians can use VEHCS to complete \(issue\) export health certificates for live animals and submit them to APHIS, all electronically.](#)

[Country Acceptance List for VEHCS](#)

[Learn what countries accept health certificates digitally endorsed \(signed\) by APHIS.](#)

[Live Animal Export Program Handbook](#)

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[Learn more about APHIS' regulations for exporting live animals \(livestock\) from the United States.](#)

[Aquatic Animal Export Resources](#)

[Find additional resources on exporting aquatic animals.](#)

Need Help?

Export Trade Services (by State)

APHIS has animal health officials available nationwide with expertise in export requirements for animals. Contact your nearest office for questions about endorsing an export or health certificate for live animals.

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