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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 [View Requirements](#)

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.](#)

[VEHCS Access and Information](#)

[USDA-accredited veterinarians can use the Veterinary Export Health Certification System \(VEHCS\) 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](#)

[\(PDF, 772.53 KB\)](#)

[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?

USDA-Accredited Veterinarians

Contact a USDA-accredited veterinarian for questions about your destination country's entry requirements for animals (including any needed vaccinations, tests, or treatments); issuance of health certificates; and status updates on certificate endorsement

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

Live Animal Industry Team

APHIS Veterinary Services' Industry Team offers commodity-specific expertise for live animal exports. Use the dropdown to contact us with questions about endorsing export health certificates.

- Select a Commodity - ▼

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Related Resources

- [Frequently Asked Questions About Live Animal Exports](#)
- [VEHCS Login](#)
- [National Veterinary Accreditation Program: Information for Veterinarians](#)
- [Role of the Accredited Veterinarian in International Animal Exports](#)

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Tips for Exporters and Accredited Veterinarians

Endorsement Services

- **No in-person or drop-off services.**
- For fastest processing, have your [accredited veterinarian](#) **submit certificates through [VEHCS](#).**
- Routine APHIS VEHCS processing services are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time (CT), excluding Federal holidays. The time listed in VEHCS reflects GMT.
- Paper certificates are discouraged but may be mailed to one of our two paper endorsement offices (see addresses below).

Status Updates

Endorsement offices **cannot confirm delivery or provide status updates.** For updates:

- Contact your [accredited veterinarian](#) (they can check VEHCS status).
- Use your **mail tracking number.**

Important Tips

- Ensure accuracy and submit documents as early as possible within the allowed timeline of the destination country to avoid delays.
- Use **overnight or Saturday delivery** when mailing.

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