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Export Live Animals to Botswana

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Electronic Signature ACCEPTED; Original Ink Endorsement REQUIRED

For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

For APHIS VMO: Original ink endorsement REQUIRED

USDA-accredited veterinarians can electronically issue health certificates and use VEHCS (Veterinary Export Health Certification System) to submit them to USDA for endorsement.

USDA must ink-sign and emboss the health certificate.

What This Means for You

Accredited Veterinarians: Use the links below to access or get help with VEHCS. Learn more about how to issue export health certificates.

Animal Owners/Shippers: You can arrange to have your health certificate returned by mail (a prepaid, preaddressed return label must be provided during certificate submission). The endorsed health certificate—ink-signed and embossed—must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

VEHCS Help | VEHCS Guide (7.6 MB) | VEHCS Login

Live Animal Export Country Requirements - Select a Country - View Requirements

Summary of Requirements

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Cattle

- Cattle - Health Certificate (217.89 KB) - October 2022_revised February 2025
- Bovine - Embryos - Health Certificate (160.99 KB) - October 2022_revised February 2025
- Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate (216.75 KB)- October 2022_revised February 2025

Poulty

- Poultry - Day-old poultry - Health Certificate (177.62 KB) - February 2025
- Poultry - Hatching eggs - Health Certificate (173.27 KB) - February 2025

Other Animals

- Canine Semen - Health Certificate (181.59 KB) - August 2025

NOTE: Botswana import permit is required for canine semen. Shipping containers must be sealed by the USDA accredited veterinarian. Certificate is also available through VEHCS for electronic submission.

Taking a Pet to Another Country?

Visit Pet Travel

If your species is not listed, the requirements for that species are not known. Exporters who want to ship livestock or germplasm whose requirements are not listed above should have the importer or buyer in the destination country apply for an import permit at the appropriate ministry. This import permit will most likely outline the specific requirements.

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

APHIS Endorsement Offices

APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services (VETS) offers commodity-specific expertise for exporting animals. Use the dropdown to contact us with questions about endorsing health certificates. For quickest help, see **tips for exporters and accredited veterinarians.**

- 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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