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Export Live Animals to Brazil

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For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

For APHIS VMO: Digital endorsement ACCEPTED

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

USDA can digitally endorse the health certificate and return it electronically.

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: The endorsed health certificate can be printed out directly from VEHCS and does **not** have to be mailed back to you. The printed, endorsed health certificate must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or

travel.

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

Traveling With Your Dog? Check CDC Requirements!

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the primary authority for dog imports. This includes dogs entering or returning to the United States.

- CDC requires all U.S.-vaccinated dogs that have traveled to a high-risk country for rabies within the past 6 months to have a "Certification of U.S.-Issued Rabies Vaccination" form.
- This form must be submitted by a USDA-accredited veterinarian ***before*** the dog leaves the United States.

For more information, visit the **CDC website.**

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

Summary of Requirements

Brazil requests that imports of animals, semen, and embryos must be accompanied by a health certificate in Portuguese, as of August 1, 2003.

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Equine

- Horse - Embryos - Health Certificate (226.66 KB) - April 2023
- Horse - Permanent - Health Certificate (310.42 KB) - October 2018

Note: The Shipment of the Animals page (VIII) for the horse health certificate listed above is signed by the Port Veterinarian at the time of embarkation.

- Horse - Returning to Brazil - Health Certificate (78.27 KB)-August 2012
- Horse - Semen - Health Certificate (393.08 KB) -February 2019
- Horse - Temporary - Health Certificate (610 KB) - October 2024

Cattle

- Bovine - Breeding - Health Certificate (188.52 KB) -July 2021
- Bovine - Embryos collected after July 23, 2013 - In Vivo and In Vitro - Health Certificate (204.63 KB)- June 2024
- Bovine - Embryos collected before July 23, 2013 - In Vivo - Health Certificate (64.81 KB) - October 2013
- Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate (576.85 KB)- April 2025
- Addendum to the Bovine Semen Health Certificate for Shipments Containing Legally Imported Semen (135.19 KB) -February 2023

Sheep and Goats

- Sheep and Goats - Breeding and Feeding - Health Certificate (270.82 KB) - July 2023
- Goat - Embryos - Health Certificate - *Under Negotiation*
- Goat - Semen - Health Certificate (268.38 KB) -July 2020
- Sheep - Semen - Health Certificate (206.03 KB) -July 2020
- Sheep - Embryos - Health Certificate (188.13 KB)-April 2022

Swine

- Swine - Breeding - Health Certificate (357.32 KB)- June 2023
- Swine - Semen - Health Certificate (509.38 KB) - December 2019

- **Note**: Swine semen collected in the United States from **March 31, 2026 through July 12, 2026** does not meet the above certificate's Certification Statement 1 regarding U.S. freedom from Aujeszky's disease and therefore cannot be exported to Brazil.

Poultry

Note: The point of entry in the country will be restrained to the International Airport of Viracopos in the city of Campinas or Guarulhos due to the procedures that must be carried out while unshipping the material. The point of entry must be the one authorized on the import permit.

Annex 1: Poultry - Inspection Requirements of U.S. Poultry Farms to Register with Brazil for Export - Guidance Document (62.7 KB)

Annex 2: Poultry - Registration Form for Registering U.S. Poultry Facilities with Brazil for Export - Application (294.9 KB)

Note: This form, when completed and signed by the veterinarian completing the premise inspection, should be sent to staff in Riverdale, MD for delivery to MAPA. Please call (301) 851-3300, Option 2 for more information.

Note: Exporters should verify if production facilities are included on the list of farms previously approved to export to Brazil. MAPA keeps a list of approved facilities. To add farms on the list please provide the following information to MAPA-DSA-CTQA through APHIS-VS:

I – name and complete address of the qualified farm in the country of origin

II – yearly production capacity of the qualified farm in the country of origin, and

III – description of health control programs conducted at the breeding farm qualified for export, certified by the veterinary service of the country of origin.

Poultry - Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate (244.49 KB) - April 2023

Poultry - SPF Eggs - Health Certificate (384.92 KB) -June 2022

Birds (non-Poultry)

- Captive Birds (commercial use) - Health Certificate (379.41 KB)- October 2023

Taking a Pet to Another Country?

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Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility approval is required for shrimp, tilapia, and rainbow trout eggs.

- Aquatic Animals – Research – Health Certificate (155.04 KB)– November 2024
- Ornamental Fish - Required Addendum Statements for 17-140 Form (143.26 KB)- October 2019
    - **Note**: Shipments of ornamental fish to Brazil require a VS Form 17-140, with the above addendum attached. This addendum contains the necessary health statements for import into Brazil.
- Rainbow Trout Eggs - Health Certificate (260.61 KB)- March 2026
- Shrimp - Health Certificate - VS Form 17-141 (217.26 KB) - August 2020
- Shrimp - Required Addendum to the VS Form 17-141 (50.88 KB)- August 2020
- Tilapia (1.94 MB) - Health Certificate -July 2024

Note: Testing must meet the requirements of the sampling protocol of the AFS Blue Book (105.62 KB)at the 5% APPL.

Research/Laboratory Animals

- Laboratory Rodents - Protocol (131.04 KB)- June 2022
- Rodent - Embryos - Health Certificate (413.62 KB)- July 2024
- Rodent - Semen - Health Certificate (506.05 KB) - July 2024

Note: See the “Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals” section above for aquatic animal exports intended for research.

Other Animals

- Antelope - Health Certificate (300.78 KB)- May 2023
- Canine - Semen - Health Certificate (129.79 KB) -January 2021
- Cheetahs - Health Certificate (220.13 KB) -July 2022
- Koalas - Health Certificate (107.2 KB) -July 2022
- Zebra - Health Certificate (435.16 KB) - November 2022
- Giraffes - Health Certificate (775.12 KB) -November 2022
- Primates - Health Certificate (257.1 KB)- March 2023

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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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All Contacts

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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