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Export Live Animals to Colombia

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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

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

Summary of Requirements

Colombia requires that all animal shipments, except pet dogs and cats, be accompanied by an import permit issued in advance by Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA).

Colombia will reject animal shipments without import permits.

Note: Colombia requires prior approval of U.S. facilities or farms by ICA before the importation of animals and germplasm is permitted into Colombia (with the exception of pet dogs and cats). In each section below are the required forms/questionnaires (also known as "Guidance Documents") that are to be completed by a USDA-accredited veterinarian and sent to the Colombian importer, who then submits the forms to ICA for approval prior to export.

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Equine

Note: Effective immediately, Colombia will not accept mares transported in the last third of pregnancy.

Note: Effective immediately, due to the presence of contagious equine metritis (CEM) in the State of Arizona, Colombia is suspending the importation of horses from that State. APHIS will not endorse health certificates for horse exported from Arizona.

- Horses - Protocol (26.1 KB)- December 2010
- Horses - Formulary to Qualify the Farm for Equine Genetic Improvement - Guidance Document (66.7 KB) - December 2003
- Equine - Semen - Protocol (85.41 KB) -June 2014

- Horses - For Winter Equestrian Festival - Health Certificate (268.09 KB) - February 2013
- Horses - Temporary Export for Competition - Health Certificate - October 2017
- Horses - Temporary - Returning to Colombia after Stay in the US - Health Certificate (325.56 KB) -July 2018
- Horses - Temporary Export for Competition - Health Certificate - October 2017
- Horses - Bolivarian Games - Health Certificate (191.1 KB)-June 2022

Cattle

- Cattle - Breeding - Protocol and Health Certificate (471.51 KB)-January 2016
  - **Note**: Colombia will test animals for bluetongue upon arrival. Animals testing positive will be rejected for import.
- Bovine - Embryos - Formulary to Qualify the Embryo Collection Unit for Genetic Improvement - Guidance Document (71.81 KB) - December 2003
- Bovine - Embryos - Health Certificate: *Under negotiation, exporters may use the terms of import permits for shipping at their own risk.*
- Bovine - Semen - Protocol and Health Certificate: *Under negotiation, exporters may use the terms of import permits for shipping at their own risk.*
- Bovine - Semen - Collection Center for Genetic Improvement - Guidance Document (72.09 KB) -December 2003

Sheep and Goats

Note: Effective December 24, 2003, sheep from the United States are banned due to a risk of BSE.

- Caprine - Semen - Protocol - *Under Negotiation*
- Ovine - Semen - Protocol - *Under Negotiation*
- Small Ruminant - Semen - Registration Form for Exporters (132.18 KB) -January 2017

Swine

- Swine - Breeding - Health Certificate - *Available Upon Request (Contact*: LAIE@usda.gov*)*
- Swine - Formulary to Qualify the Farm for Genetic Improvement (68.19 KB)- December 2003
- Swine - Semen - Protocol (23.24 KB)

Poultry

- Poultry - Hatching Eggs and Day-old Chicks - Addendum (1.02 MB) - February 2024
    - **Note:** Shipments of hatching eggs and day-old chicks to Colombia require a VS Form 17-6 (937.87 KB) with the above addendum attached. This addendum contains the necessary health certification statements for import into Colombia.

Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility approval is required for aquatic animals, aquatic worms, and tilapia.

- Aquatic Animals - Exhibition - Protocol (19.06 KB) - October 2008
- Aquatic Worms (Polychaete Worms) - Health Certificate (62.79 KB)-June 2008
- Tilapia - Health Certificate (379.99 KB) -June 2019

Research/Laboratory Animals

- Laboratory Mice - Health Certificate (74.89 KB) -September 2013

Other Animals

- Dromedaries - Protocol (29.75 KB) - February 2008
- Otters - Health Certificate - September 2017
- Wallabies - Protocol (22.1 KB)-October 2006
- Non-Domestic Birds - Health Certificate (395.62 KB) - March 2020
- Wild Dogs - Protocol (213.88 KB) - August 2020
- Zoo Bovinae - Health Certificate (231.14 KB) -November 2022
    - **Note:** Effective February 16, 2024, USDA cannot provide endorsement of the above certificate's Certification Statement 1 regarding U.S. freedom from Theileriosis without a waiver to this statement issued by the competent animal health authority of Colombia.
- Zoo Mammals - Health Certificate - March 2023

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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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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