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Export Live Animals to Colombia

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Live Animal Export Country Requirements

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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.

Please 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 (a.k.a. "Guidance Documents") that are to be completed by a USDA accredited veterinarian, sent to the Colombian importer, who then submits the forms to ICA for approval, prior to export.

[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

NOTE: Effective **April 15, 2024** there is a trade restriction on cattle and bovine germplasm due to HPAI detections in U.S. cattle. **Colombia** has prohibited the export of live cattle and bovine germplasm originating from states affected by HPAI in U.S. 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](#) (228.16 KB)- March 2022
- [Bovine - Semen - Protocol and Health Certificate](#) (93.78 KB)-December 2020
- [Bovine - Semen - Approved Semen Collection Centers - Guidance Document](#) (125.27 KB) -October 2021
- [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](#) - January 2011

Poultry

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

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](#) (17.52 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 Feb 16, 2024, USDA cannot provide endorsement of the above certificate's Certification Statement 1 regarding US freedom from Theileriosis without a waiver to this statement issued by the competent animal health authority of Colombia.
- [Zoo Mammals - Health Certificate](#) - March 2023

Pets

Visit the [APHIS Pet Travel Website](#) for information about exporting your pets.

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?

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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