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Export Live Animals to Cuba

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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.

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

Summary of Requirements

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Cattle

Note: Regarding the identification of the animals, the following statement provided by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian will fulfill the Cuban requirements: "I have been affiliated with (insert name of ranch) Ranch as the herd veterinarian for the past (# of years) years. The (name of ranch) Ranch has been in existence since (year that ranch opened up). To the best of my knowledge, the cattle have been maintained as a closed herd for the past (# of years that cattle have been maintained as a closed herd) years, and the dams of the animals to be shipped were born on the farm."

- Cattle - Health Certificate (709.22 KB) - July 2018
- Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate (791.83 KB) - September 2019
- Bovine - Embryos - Health Certificate (543.06 KB) - September 2019

Poultry

Note: Cuba has banned the importation of live birds and hatching eggs originating from states where detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) have been confirmed in commercial poultry. Please check with your VS Field Operations Veterinary Export Trade Services to confirm the HPAI status of the state from which the commodities originate in order to determine eligibility for export.

Birds (non-Poultry)

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- Ornamental Birds - Health Certificate (548.69 KB) - April 2018

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Other Animals

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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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