Export Live Animals to Ecuador

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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

To be able to export animals, semen, or embryos to Ecuador, **an import permit must be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture of Ecuador.** This import permit must be presented to the Accredited Veterinarian and/or to the AVIC office in the corresponding State before starting the testing process of the animals. **An import permit is *not* required for dogs and cats.**

Health certificates for animals, animal semen, and animal embryos imported into Ecuador must be typed or done by a word processor.

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Equine

- Horses - Health Certificate (256.38 KB) - August 2021
- Horses - Temporary Export for Competition - Health Certificate (213.55 KB) - October 2024
- Horses - Returning after Competition in USA - Health Certificate (103.29 KB) - February 2013
- Guidance for Livestock Facility Registration for Export of Live Horses, Cattle, and Swine (136.68 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Registration (Spanish) (52.51 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Registration (English) (64.95 KB) - August 2020

Cattle

- Cattle - Health Certificate (939.16 KB) - April 2025
- Guidance for Livestock Facility Registration for Export of Live Horses, Cattle, and Swine (136.68 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Registration (Spanish) (52.51 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Registration (English) (64.95 KB) - August 2020

Note: Ecuador requires prior approval of US facilities or farms by Agrocalidad before allowing the importation of germplasm into Ecuador.
The following documents are acceptable as proof of inspection/approval and must be submitted by a USDA-accredited veterinarian directly to Agrocalidad (certificacion.zoosanitaria@agrocalidad.gob.ec).

1. CSS Inspection Certificate
OR
2. APHIS inspection and approval letter addressed to AGROCALIDAD. This letter must include:

- Name of germplasm center
- Address
- Geographic coordinates
- Registration code
- Product

- Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate (77.36 KB) - November 2014
- Bovine - Embryo - Protocol and Health Certificate (71.37 KB) - April 2015

Swine

- Swine - Breeding - Health Certificate (390.12 KB) - February 2018
- Guidance for Livestock Facility Registration for Export of Live Horses, Cattle, and Swine (136.68 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Registration (Spanish) (52.51 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Registration (English) (64.95 KB) - August 2020

Poultry

Note: APHIS has obtained confirmation from Agrocalidad (Ecuador) that HPAI-freedom at the **County** level meets the requirements of the certificates for **hatching eggs (poultry), day-old chicks, and hatching eggs (ducks)**. HPAI restrictions of other poultry commodities in this section are listed in each respective certificate.

- Poultry - Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate (202.93 KB) - January 2021
- Poultry - Day-old Chicks - Health Certificate (428.56 KB) - January 2021
- Poultry - Poults - Health Certificate (363.64 KB) - October 2018
- Poultry - Adult Birds - Health Certificate (312.6 KB) - January 2021
- Poultry - SPF Eggs - Health Certificate (89.17 KB) - August 2016
- Ducks - Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate (495.16 KB) - January 2021
- Guidance for Registration of Establishments for Export of Poultry Genetics (150.79 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Poultry Genetics Registration (Spanish) (423.33 KB) - August 2020
    - Annex II Form for Poultry Genetics Registration (English) (50.25 KB) - August 2020

Birds (Non-Poultry)

- Birds - Non-Poultry - Health Certificate (117.98 KB) - August 2016

Taking a Pet to Another Country?

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Research/Laboratory Animals

- Laboratory Animals - Health Certificate (166.48 KB) - March 2014
- Mouse - Embryos - Protocol (14.74 KB) - June 2014

Other Animals

- Giraffes - Health Certificate (76.9 KB) - May 2015
- Zebras - Health Certificate (110.97 KB) - August 2015
- Camelids - Health Certificate (138.29 KB) - November 2015
- Sugar Gliders - Health Certificate (313.25 KB) - October 2017

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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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