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Export Live Animals to Egypt

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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.

Summary of Requirements

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Cattle

- [Cattle - Protocol and Health Certificate](#) (171.29 KB) - April 2008
 - **Note:** *BTV requirement revised February 2019*
- [Cattle - Feeder - Health Certificate](#) (10.91 KB) - June 2011
- [Cattle - Slaughter - Health Certificate](#) (17.64 KB) - February 2014
- [Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (7.88 KB) - June 1992

Sheep and Goats

- [Sheep and Goats - Breeding - Protocol](#) (5.27 KB) - April 1993

Poultry

Note: The Egyptian General Organization of Veterinary Service (GOVS) will allow the import of one-day old poultry and hatchery eggs from zones (**county level** in case of the United States) or countries free from poultry diseases (specifically, HPAI). This poultry must come from parent flocks that are free of avian influenza antibodies. (June 2016)

For all U.S. origin day-old poultry and hatching eggs, the following statement must be included on the [VS Form 17-6](#) (937.87 KB), under item 13:

“The day-old birds/hatching eggs originated from a county free from avian influenza”

All shipments of hatching eggs and day-old chicks destined to Egypt that transit the European Union (EU), are **required** by the EU to have APHIS-endorsed EU export veterinary health certificates accompany the shipment.

Note: GOVS confirms that U.S. origin poultry do not need to be certified against atomic radiation, as the United States is not designated by Egypt as a high-risk atomic radiation origin, nor is it listed in any of the Egyptian regulating Ministerial resolutions.

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](#)

Live Animal Industry Team

APHIS Veterinary Services' Industry Team offers commodity-specific expertise for live animal exports. Use the dropdown to contact us with questions about endorsing export health certificates.

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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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Tips for Exporters and Accredited Veterinarians

Endorsement Services

- **No in-person or drop-off services.**
- For fastest processing, have your [accredited veterinarian](#) **submit certificates through [VEHCS](#).**
- Routine APHIS VEHCS processing services are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time (CT), excluding Federal holidays. The time listed in VEHCS reflects GMT.
- Paper certificates are discouraged but may be mailed to one of our two paper endorsement offices (see addresses below).

Status Updates

Endorsement offices **cannot confirm delivery or provide status updates.** For updates:

- Contact your [accredited veterinarian](#) (they can check VEHCS status).
- Use your **mail tracking number.**

Important Tips

- Ensure accuracy and submit documents as early as possible within the allowed timeline of the destination country to avoid delays.
- Use **overnight or Saturday delivery** when mailing.

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