Export Live Animals to European Union

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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.

VEHCS Help | VEHCS Guide (7.6 MB) | VEHCS Login

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

The Member States of the European Union (EU) are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden. [Post-Brexit, Great Britain no longer follows EU legislation and has its own export health certificates.]

Bilingual health certificates are available for some species/commodities. Please refer to the link for the individual Member State for available bilingual health certificates. It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate if it is not available on the Member State link.

Health Certificates

Some of the health certificates posted below have had non-relevant statements removed (rather than lined out) as allowable in EU legislation. This is strictly to simplify/shorten the documents.

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Relevant Animal Health Law Regulations

As of April 2021, the EU has updated all harmonized animal health certificates in accordance with the Animal Health Law. Relevant regulations are posted below for reference.

- Regulation (EU) 2016/429 is the overarching 'Animal Health Law.' - April 2021
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is the main regulation dealing with entry of live animals and germinal products into the European Union from third countries. - February 2023

- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686 contains information on germinal products (semen and embryos). Please note only portions of this regulation are relevant when referenced in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 or applicable health certificates - April 2021
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/160 contains the minimum frequency of inspections for germinal product establishments in Article 4. - February 2022
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 contains general instructions for completing Part I of the health certificates in Chapter 4 of Annex I - January 2023
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 contains listed diseases and species, as well as disease categories (A-E) - July 2022
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 contains the lists of commodities the United States is permitted to export to the EU - January 2023
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 contains lists of countries and zones in the EU that are free of or have centrally approved eradication programs for certain diseases - January 2023
- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/260 contains lists of countries and zones in the EU that have national eradication measures or freedom from certain diseases of aquatic animals - July 2022

URGENT NOTIFICATION

New EU Commercial certificates for live animals are currently available in the EU IRegs webpage and Pet Website for Commercial Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets. Please use the 2025 certificates immediately. However, if any 2024 certificates are in transit or already endorsed, the EU will continue to accept them until January 11, 2026.

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Horses/Equine (Live and Germplasm)

Note: Establishment Lists - TRACES NT (europa.eu) [Select “United States (US)” in the Countries bar at the top; then select “Germinal Products” for the Chapter; then view the relevant list with the eye icon or the down arrow (download) icon on the

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Live Horses

Note: All establishments of origin for live equines must be registered with USDA APHIS. Please contact the relevant Veterinary Export Trade Services (VETS) Endorsement Office to inquire how to register an establishment.

- **NEW** EQUI-X (234.17 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE AND MODEL DECLARATION FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF EQUINE ANIMALS. October 2026
  - **Note**: **Important Certificate:** Public Health statements II.6 and II.6a have been removed from the Equi-X certificate because the United States does not export live horses for slaughter or human consumption.
  - **Note: October 19, 2026 UPDATE:** The European Union granted an extension for the implementation of the 2026 Equi-X certificates. The new certificate will not be required to be endorsed **on or before December 12, 2026**.

Note for Accredited Veterinarians and Exporters: Make sure that you have evidence that registered horses traveling to the EU have been in an establishment under the supervision of an official veterinarian as indicated in requirement II.3.2 of the Equi-X certificate when transiting through the United States less than 30 days prior to export.

- EQUI-RE-ENTRY -30 (229.51 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND MODEL DECLARATION FOR THE RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF REGISTERED HORSES FOR RACING, COMPETITION AND CULTURAL EVENTS AFTER TEMPORARY EXPORT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS- November 2025
- EQUI-RE-ENTRY -90-COMP (233.75 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND MODEL DECLARATION FOR THE RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF REGISTERED HORSES FOR COMPETITION AFTER TEMPORARY EXPORT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI) – November 2025

- EQUI-RE-ENTRY-90-RACE (232.23 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND MODEL DECLARATION FOR THE RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF A REGISTERED HORSE FOR RACING AFTER TEMPORARY EXPORT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIFIC RACE EVENTS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AUSTRALIA, BAHRAIN, CANADA, HONG KONG, JAPAN, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE OR THE UNITED STATES **-** November 2025 (International Group/Grade meetings, the Dubai Racing World-Cup, the Melbourne Cup, the Bahrain Turf Series, the Hong Kong International Races, the Japan Cup and the Saudi Cup)
- Addendum for Horses Exported to EU from the United States, Staying Less than 60 days in the EU, with Subsequent Direct Travel to Canada (46.46 KB) - April 2017

Equine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Semen Collection Center (SCC) (1.56 MB) (364.13 KB) - September 2026

- **New** EQUI-SEM-A-ENTRY (243.71 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF SEMEN OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED- November 2025
- **New** EQUI-SEM-B-ENTRY (252.01 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC AFTER 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION

CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED – November 2025

- **New** EQUI-SEM-C-ENTRY (243.03 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC AFTER 31 AUGUST 2010 AND BEFORE 1 OCTOBER 2014, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED- November 2025
- **New** EQUI-SEM-D-ENTRY (207.14 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC BEFORE 1 SEPTEMBER 2010, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED – November 2025

Equine-Embryos-Dispatch by Embryo Collection and Production Team

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Embryo Collection Team (ECT) (970.13 KB) (232.99 KB) - September 2026
Inspection Document for Embryo Production Team (EPT) (776.39 KB) (239.96 KB) - September 2026

1. **NEW EQUI-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY** (222.17 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED OR PRODUCED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED BY THE EMBRYO COLLECTION OR PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE OOCYTES OR EMBRYOS WERE COLLECTED OR PRODUCED- November 2025
2. **NEW EQUI-OOCYTES-EMB-B-ENTRY** (216.46 KB)**-** MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED OR PRODUCED,

PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC AFTER 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 BY THE EMBRYO COLLECTION OR PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE OOCYTES OR EMBRYOS WERE COLLECTED OR PRODUCED -November 2025

3. **NEW EQUI-OOCYTES-EMB-C-ENTRY** (209.61 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED OR PRODUCED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC AFTER 31 AUGUST 2010 AND BEFORE 1 OCTOBER 2014, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 BY THE EMBRYO COLLECTION OR PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE OOCYTES OR EMBRYOS WERE COLLECTED OR PRODUCED -November 2025

Equine - Germinal Products (Semen/Embryos/Oocytes) - Dispatched from Germinal Product Storage Center or Germinal Product Processing Establishment

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Germinal Product Storage (GPS) Center (795.35 KB) (229.01 KB) - September 2026
Inspection Document for Germinal Product Processing (GPP) Establishment (312.21 KB) (232.55 KB) - September 2026

- **New** EQUI-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY (211.56 KB) - November 2025
  MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE GERMINAL PRODUCT STORAGE CENTRE:
  - semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
  - stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021;

- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014;
- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 1 September 2010;
- oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014.

- **New** EQUI-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY (210.36 KB) - November 2025
  MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE GERMINAL PRODUCT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT:
  - semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
  - stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021;
  - stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014;
  - stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 1 September 2010;
  - oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
  - stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021;

- stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014.

Owner Declaration Note: Based on the II.1.4 statement in the health certificates for live horses the written declaration signed by the operator must be attached to the health certificate. Therefore, USDA will withhold endorsement if the declaration is not included with the certificate when it is submitted for endorsement.

Cattle/Bovine (Germplasm)

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Bovine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Semen Collection Center (SCC) (364.13 KB) - September 2026

- **New** BOV-SEM-A-ENTRY (239.4 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF SEMEN OF BOVINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN – November 2025

- **New** BOV-SEM-B-ENTRY (204.14 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF BOVINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 88/407/EEC AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2003/43/EC, AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2004 AND BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED - November 2025
- **New** BOV-SEM-C-ENTRY (204.35 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF BOVINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 88/407/EEC AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 93/60/EEC, BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2005, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED- November 2025

Bovine - Embryos - Dispatched by Embryo Collection or Production Team

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Embryo Collection Team (ECT) (232.99 KB) - September 2026
Inspection Document for Embryo Production Team (EPT) (239.96 KB) - September 2026

- **New** BOV-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY (233.2 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS OF BOVINE ANIMALS COLLECTED OR PRODUCED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED BY THE EMBRYO COLLECTION OR PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE OOCYTES OR EMBRYOS WERE COLLECTED OR PRODUCED. -November 2025
- **New** BOV-in-vivo-EMB-B-ENTRY (231.06 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS

OF IN VIVO DERIVED EMBRYOS OF BOVINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 89/556/EEC BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 BY THE EMBRYO COLLECTION TEAM BY WHICH THE EMBRYOS WERE COLLECTED - November 2025

- **New** BOV-in-vitro-EMB-C-ENTRY (223.55 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF IN VITRO PRODUCED EMBRYOS OF BOVINE ANIMALS PRODUCED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 89/556/EEC BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, CONCEIVED USING SEMEN COMPLYING WITH REQUIREMENTS OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 88/407/EEC, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 BY THE EMBRYO PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE EMBRYOS WERE PRODUCED- November 2025
- **New** BOV-in-vitro-EMB-D-ENTRY (220.9 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF IN VITRO PRODUCED EMBRYOS OF BOVINE ANIMALS PRODUCED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 89/556/EEC BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, CONCEIVED USING SEMEN COMING FROM SEMEN COLLECTION OR STORAGE CENTRES APPROVED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY OF THE EXPORTING THIRD COUNTRY OR TERRITORY, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 BY THE EMBRYO PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE EMBRYOS WERE PRODUCED - November 2025

Bovine - Germinal Products (Semen/Embryos/Oocytes) - Dispatched from Germinal Product Storage Center or Germinal Product Processing Establishment

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Germinal Product Storage (GPS) Center (229.01 KB) - September 2026
Inspection Document for Germinal Product Processing (GPP) Establishment (232.55 KB) - September 2026

- **New** BOV-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY (210.98 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF

GERMINAL PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE GERMINAL PRODUCT STORAGE CENTRE: - November 2025:

- semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC, as amended by Council Directive 2003/43/EC, before 21 April 2021 and after 31 December 2004;
- stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored before 1 January 2005 in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC applying until 1 July 2004;
- oocytes and embryos of bovine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of *in vivo* derived embryos of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021;
- stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen complying with requirements of Council Directive 88/407/EEC;
- stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved by the competent authority of the exporting country

- **New** BOV-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY (Chapter 46) (212.62 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE GERMINAL PRODUCT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT: - November 2025:
  - semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
  - stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC, as amended by Council Directive 2003/43/EC, before 21 April 2021 and after 31 December 2004;

- stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored before 1 January 2005 in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC applying until 1 July 2004;
- oocytes and embryos of bovine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of *in vivo* derived embryos of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021;
- stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen complying with requirements of Council Directive 88/407/EEC;
- stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved by the competent authority of the exporting country.

Sheep and Goats/Ovine and Caprine (Germplasm)

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Live Sheep and Goats

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Ovine/Caprine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

- **NEW** OV/CAP-SEM-A-ENTRY (236.92 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF SEMEN OF OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED - November 2025
- **NEW** OV/CAP-SEM-B-ENTRY (221.11 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED - November 2025

Ovine/Caprine - Embryos - Dispatched by Embryo Collection Production Team

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Embryo Collection Team (ECT) (232.99 KB) - February 2023
Inspection Document for Embryo Production Team (EPT) (239.96 KB) - February 2023

- **NEW** OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY (222.56 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS OF OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS COLLECTED OR PRODUCED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED BY THE EMBRYO COLLECTION OR PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE OOCYTES OR EMBRYOS WERE COLLECTED OR PRODUCED - November

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- **NEW** OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-B-ENTRY (185.59 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS OF OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS COLLECTED OR PRODUCED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 BY THE EMBRYO COLLECTION OR PRODUCTION TEAM BY WHICH THE OOCYTES OR EMBRYOS WERE COLLECTED OR PRODUCED - November 2025

Ovine/Caprine - Germinal Products (Semen/Embryos/Oocytes) - Dispatched from Germinal Product Storage Center or Germinal Product Processing Establishment

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Germinal Product Storage (GPS) Center (229.01 KB) - February 2023
Inspection Document for Germinal Product Processing (GPP) Establishment (232.55 KB) - February 2023

New OV/CAP-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY- November 2025 (216.46 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE GERMINAL PRODUCT STORAGE CENTRE:

- semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021;
- oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;

- stocks of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021.

New OV/CAP-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY- November 2025 (216.3 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE GERMINAL PRODUCT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT:

- semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021;
- oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021.

Swine/Porcine (Live and Germplasm)

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Live Swine

- **New** SUI-X (235.79 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF PORCINE ANIMALS AND ANIMALS OF THE FAMILY *TAYASSUIDAE* **-** November 2025

Swine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Semen Collection Center (SCC) (364.13 KB) - September 2026

- **NEW** POR-SEM-A-ENTRY (224.54 KB)MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF SEMEN OF PORCINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/692 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED **–** November 2025
  NEW POR-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY (206.66 KB) **–** November 2025-MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CONSIGNMENTS OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE GERMINAL PRODUCT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT:
  - semen of porcine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
  - stocks of semen of porcine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC before 21April 2021;
  - oocytes and embryos of porcine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021.

Poultry

Note: Due to detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the United States, the following model certificates for poultry may not be able to be endorsed: HEP, DOC, POU-LT20, and HE-LT20. Contact the relevant Veterinary Export Trade Services (VETS) Endorsement Office if there is any question about restrictions on a specific shipment. Model SPF is not affected.

- **NEW-**HEP (221.68 KB)-MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY OTHER THAN RATITES (MODEL “HEP”) November 2025
- **NEW-** DOC- Day-old-Chicks (859.58 KB) -MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF DAY-OLD CHICKS OTHER THAN RATITES (MODEL “DOC”) November 2025

Note: Parts I and II of the day-old chick certificate must be issued by an accredited veterinarian within 10 days prior to export and must be endorsed by APHIS. Part III of the certificate must be issued on the day of hatch and does not need APHIS endorsement. The accredited veterinarian must apply a stamp to Part III containing his/her name, company name, and accreditation number. The original copy of Part III must be attached to Parts I and II of the certificate.

- **NEW** SPF (190.69 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF SPECIFIED PATHOGEN-FREE EGGS **-**November 2025
- **NEW** POU-LT20 (263.09 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF LESS THAN 20 HEADS OF POULTRY OTHER THAN RATITES -November 2025
- **NEW** -HE-LT20 (222.83 KB)-MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH/OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF LESS THAN 20 HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY OTHER THAN RATITES (MODEL “HE-LT20”) November 2025

Birds (Non-Poultry)

Note- Inspection Document(s):
Inspection Document for Captive Bird Establishment (327.2 KB) - February 2023

- **New** CAPTIVE BIRDS, OTHER THAN RACING PIGEONS (201.82 KB) - MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF CAPTIVE BIRDS, OTHER THAN RACING PIGEONS IMMEDIATELY RELEASED AFTER ENTRY- November 2025
- **New** HE - CAPTIVE BIRDS (199.82 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF HATCHING EGGS OF CAPTIVE BIRDS - November 2025

  Note: “Captive birds” as per Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 means any non-poultry birds that are kept in captivity for any reason other than:
  - for the production of meat, eggs for consumption, or other products;
  - for the restocking supplies of game birds;
  - for the purpose of breeding of birds used for the types of production referred to in the first two bullet points.
  - "Captive birds" include those that are kept for shows, races, exhibitions, competitions, breeding or selling.
- **NEW-** RACING PIGEONS-IMMEDIATE RELEASE (167.49 KB)- MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF RACING PIGEONS IMMEDIATELY RELEASED AFTER ENTRY- November 2025

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Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

The requirements to export live aquatic animals to countries in the European Union (EU) will depend on

a. the species to be exported,
b. whether the EU considers this species “susceptible” to or a “vector” for the pathogens of concern, and
c. whether the importing EU Member State has measures in place for the pathogens of concern.

To determine the requirements and how to complete the health certificate, use the Instructions for completing the “MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF AQUATIC ANIMALS INTENDED FOR CERTAIN AQUACULTURE ESTABLISHMENTS, FOR RELEASE INTO THE WILD OR FOR OTHER PURPOSES, EXCLUDING HUMAN CONSUMPTION (MODEL ‘AQUA-ENTRYESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER’)” to the European Union. (258.84 KB)

Quick References:

- EU Pathogens of Concern (108.15 KB)- August 2025
- Aquaculture Pathogens by EU Country (70.99 KB)- August 2025
- Health Certificates
  - AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER (406.32 KB) – December 2025
  - AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER WILD CAUGHT (411.94 KB) – December 2025
  - AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER RESEARCH (413.63 KB) – December 2025
  - AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER UNLISTED (396.02 KB) – December 2025

Research/Laboratory Animals

- CANIS-FELIS-FERRETS (202.41 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of dogs, cats and ferrets - October 2026

  Note: For research animals destined for confined establishments as defined in Article 4(48) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429

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.

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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.**

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