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Export Live Animals to Germany

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For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

For APHIS VMO: Original ink endorsement REQUIRED



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However, this country requires **USDA to ink-sign and emboss the health certificate**. This means the final, endorsed health certificate that travels with the

animal(s) must be mailed back.

IMPORTANT: The endorsed health certificate (paper, not electronic) must accompany the shipment. The endorsed health certificate will be returned by mail (a pre-paid, pre-addressed return label must be provided during certificate submission).

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Live Animal Export Country Requirements 
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Summary of Requirements

This country is a Member State of the European Union (EU). Bilingual health certificates are available for some commodities/species (see below). If the bilingual certificate for that species or commodity is not listed below, please refer to the English version on the [EU IRegs webpage](#). It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate if it is not listed below.

The European Union (EU) has updated all of their harmonized health certificates in accordance with their [Animal Health Law](#). The new export health certificates are posted on the [EU IRegs](#). Regularly check the [EU IRegs](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding live animal exports to the EU.

It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate if it is not available on the relevant Member State IRegs page. If you need to create a bilingual version of a harmonized EU certificate, please contact LAIE@usda.gov with your request, and we will provide you the necessary documents.

Note: Some health certificates may have had non-relevant statements removed (rather than lined out) as allowed in EU legislation, which is strictly to simplify/shorten the documents.

Cattle

Bovine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

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

Equine

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.

- **Live Horses**

- [EQUI-X](#) (1.62 MB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of domestic equidae not intended for slaughter - March 2022
- [EQUI-TRANSIT-X](#) (1.63 MB) - Health certificate and model declaration for transit through the Union of equine animals not intended for slaughter - March 2022

- **Equine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center**

- [EQUI-SEM-A-ENTRY](#) (380.98 KB) - 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 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - March 2022
- [EQUI-SEM-B-ENTRY](#) (334.86 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of 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, and dispatched after 20 April 2021 from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - 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.

- [HEP](#) (332.67 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites - September 2022
- [DOC](#) (341.02 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of day-old chicks other than of ratites - April 2021

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.

Other Animals

- [Zoo Deer - Health Certificate](#) (69.82 KB) - June 2010

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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