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Export Live Animals to Guatemala

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Electronic Signature and Digital Endorsement ACCEPTED

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](#) (7.58 MB) | [VEHCS Login](#)

Live Animal Export Country Requirements [View Requirements](#)

Summary of Requirements

Please note: Guatemala's Ministry of Agriculture (MAGA) requires a valid import permit prior to the embarkation and importation of animals. The import permit must give the specific requirements if the protocol/model health certificate is not available. Exhibition cocks must be clearly identified as such on the health certificate. If not, they will be destroyed. The exporting party must provide this information.

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Equine

- [Horses - Health Certificate](#) (129.55 KB) - August 2018
- [Horses - Returning Temporary - Health Certificate](#) (862.86 KB) - July 2018
- [Equine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (338.28 KB) - April 2019

Cattle

- [Cattle - Breeding - Protocol and Health Certificate](#) (139.88 KB) - November 2016
- [Bovine - Embryo - Health Certificate](#) (425.09 KB) - March 2019
- [Bovine - Semen - Protocol and CSS Health Certificate](#) (36.83 KB) - April 2005
- [Bovine - Semen - Protocol and Non-CSS Health Certificate](#) (58.58 KB) - March 2015

Sheep and Goats

- [Sheep - Breeding - Protocol](#) (34.5 KB) - June 2011
- [Ovine - Embryos - Health Certificate](#) (292.34 KB) - June 2019
- [Ovine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (293.77 KB) - June 2019
- [Goats - Breeding - Protocol](#) (20.82 KB) - June 2011
- [Caprine - Embryos - Health Certificate](#) (306.47 KB) - June 2019
- [Caprine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (285.05 KB) - June 2019

Swine

- [Swine - Protocol](#) (74.71 KB)- November 2008
- [Swine - Semen and Embryos - Protocol](#) (152.18 KB) - October 2002
- [Swine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (114.15 KB) - August 2016

Poultry

Note: Export Alert: Currently Guatemala is conducting inspection upon arrival for all consignments originating from Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina for detection of *Megacopta cribraria* (common name, Kudzu bug). Exporters, please inspect containers for this insect prior to shipping to avoid delay or rejections.

- [Poultry - Day-old Chicks - Protocol](#) (86.84 KB) - October 2018
- [Poultry - Hatching Eggs - Protocol](#) (89.1 KB) - October 2018
- [Poultry - SPF Eggs - Protocol and Health Certificate](#) (67.92 KB) - August 2012 *

Note:* A health certificate for this commodity can also be generated through the [Veterinary Export Health Certificate System or VEHCS](#).

Research/Laboratory Animals

- [Laboratory Rats - Health Certificate](#) (332.21 KB) - November 2019

Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility [approval is required](#).

- [Shrimp - Reproduction - Health Certificate](#) (218 KB) - March 2022
- [Tilapia- Health Certificate](#) (189.94 KB) - March 2025

Other Animals

- [Cervids - Health Certificate](#) (332.47 KB) - July 2019
- [Honeybee Queens - Health Certificate](#) (260.84 KB) - September 2019
- [Marsupials - Protocol](#) (137.75 KB) - January 2020
- [Naked Mole Rats - Health Certificate](#) (124.05 KB) - June 2017
- [Ocellated Turkeys - Protocol](#) (228.46 KB) - January 2020
- [Turtles - Health Certificate](#) (144.26 KB) - April 2019
- [Camels - Protocol](#) (225.28 KB) - March 2020

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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 Live Animal Industry Team

APHIS Veterinary Services' Industry Team has commodity-specific expertise in export requirements for live animals. Use the contacts below for questions about endorsing an export health certificate or related topics.

[View Helpful Tips and Information](#)

[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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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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