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# Export Live Animals to Iceland

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**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

There is a general ban on importation of live animals to Iceland. Specific exemptions may exist (with strict requirements), but the importer must always start by applying for an import permit to either [MAST \(Iceland Food and Veterinary Authority\)](#) or the Ministry of Industries and Innovation.

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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?

[Download contacts](#)

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) and for issuance of health certificates.

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact your nearest APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services Endorsement Office for questions about endorsing an export health certificate for live animals.

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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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