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Export Live Animals to India

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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 (7.6 MB) | VEHCS Login

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

Summary of Requirements

Flights to India may be affected. Please check with your airline prior to shipment/travel. USDA has no additional information at this time.

Health certificates for export of live animals to India can also be generated through the Veterinary Export Health Certification System , or VEHCS. Once you log on to VEHCS and enter the destination country and commodity, VEHCS will walk you through each step to generate the certificate.

A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate ***must*** accompany each shipment.

VEHCS Quick Reference Guides
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Equine

- Horses and Other Equidae - Health Certificate (210 KB) - November 2017
  - Horses and Other Equidae - Procedure for Import of Equine into India - Guidance Document (509.49 KB) - August 2020
  - Horses and Other Equidae - Silhouette for Identification of Equine Exported from the United States of America (138.53 KB)

Note: When using VEHCS to generate a health certificate for export of horses and other equidae to India, you must complete this silhouette page and upload it on the Attachments screen in VEHCS.

Note: A valid Import Permit and "Advanced No Objection Certificate (NOC)" issued by the Government of India must be presented to APHIS as a condition of health certificate endorsement

Cattle

- Cattle - Health Certificate (107.08 KB) - December 2016
  - Cattle - Procedure for Import of Bovine into India - Guidance Document (509.62 KB) - August 2020
- Bovine - Embryos - In Vivo-derived - Health Certificate (80.54 KB) - November 2017
- Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate (172.27 KB) - November 2017

Poultry

- Live Poultry - Day-old Poultry - Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate (67.94 KB) - March 2018
  - Live Poultry - Day-old Poultry - Hatching Eggs - Procedure for Import of Live Poultry into India - Guidance Document (330.37 KB) - August 2020

    Note: Post-arrival import testing does not apply to U.S. live poultry, day-old poultry, or hatching eggs.

Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

APHIS-Registered Aquaculture Export Facility approval is required for the following certificates:

- Crustaceans – VS Form 17-141 (249.52 KB) – Health Certificate – August 2026 (***Use this form until further notice***)
- Salmonid and Salmonid Eggs – Health Certificate (197.43 KB) – February 2026

Other Animals

- Rodent Health - Certficate (175.93 KB)

Taking a Pet to Another Country?

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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 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.**

- Select a Commodity - ▼

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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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