Export Live Animals to Iran

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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.

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

The export of U.S. agricultural commodities to Iran, with some exceptions, are generally authorized by a General License issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

The General License for agricultural commodities can be found in 31 C.F.R. Part 560.530 and frequently asked questions can be found on the OFAC FAQs Iran Sanctions page, including specific guidance on live cattle, cattle embryo, shrimp, and shrimp eggs (see FAQs 361 and 366).

Exporters who wish to export agricultural commodities that are not covered by the General License may apply to OFAC for a specific license. However, exporters should be aware that there are no bilaterally agreed upon trade protocols for the export of animal commodities. Therefore, there may be limited recourse should a consignment be detained and/or denied entry.

Additional guidance on U.S. agricultural exports to Iran can be found on the OFAC website.

For questions regarding U.S. sanctions, please contact the OFAC Licensing Division at +1-202-622-2480.

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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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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