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Export Live Animals to Israel

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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.

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

Summary of Requirements

Health certificates for export of live animals to Israel can also be generated through the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). First, complete the fillable PDF health certificate found on this page. Then log on to VEHCS and enter the destination country and commodity to upload the certificate. For optimal quality resolution, it is preferred that the issuing USDA Accredited Veterinarian sign the document using the ADOBE signature options, rather than printing, signing, and scanning the certificate.

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

Find VEHCS Quick Reference Guides.

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Equine

- Horses - Health Certificate (315.13 KB) - May 2024
  Note: Horses must be microchipped. The full description of the horse using the sketch is no longer required by Israel.
- Equine - Semen - Health Certificate (1.57 MB) - April 2025
  Note: Only ONE donor stallion may be listed per certificate for the export of U.S. equine semen to Israel.

Cattle

Note: Ruminants exported to Israel must have an import license obtained from the Israeli Veterinary Services and Animal Health.

- Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate (25.22 KB) - December 2015
- Cattle - Breeding - Health Certificate (212.4 KB) - June 2026
- Cattle - Feeder - Health Certificate (203.65 KB) - June 2026
- Bovine - Embryos - In Vivo-derived - Health Certificate (48.37 KB) - May 2013
- Bovine - Embryos - In Vitro Produced - Health Certificate (165.37 KB) - June 2023
    - **Note:** The Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of In Vitro Produced Bovine Embryos from the United States of America to Israel is also available in the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS).

Sheep and Goats

- Sheep and Goats - Health Certificate (204.1 KB) - May 2025
- Goats - Embryos - Health Certificate (7.14 KB) - July 1993
- Sheep and Goats - Semen - Health Certificate (22.8 KB) - September 2015

Poultry

- Poultry - Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate (112.98 KB) - October 2019

    Note: The health certificate includes an addendum page which must be signed by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian. Day-old chicks and hatching eggs exported to Israel must have an import permit issued by the Israeli Veterinary Services and Animal Health (IVSAH). In addition, prior to shipment, the U.S. exporter must work with their Israeli importer to receive pre-approval from the Israeli border veterinary inspection team approximately 24-48 hours before the flight.
- Poultry - SPF Eggs - Health Certificate (159.67 KB) **-** January 2023

Birds (non-Poultry)

- Parrots, Psittacine, and Passerine Birds - Commercial Retail Sale - Health Certificate (30.71 KB) - August 2017
- Isolation Facility Requirements - Parrots, Psittacine, and Passerine Birds for Commercial Retail Sale - Guidance Document (103.74 KB) - August 2017

  Note: The Israeli importer must apply for an import permit, issued by the Israeli Veterinary Services and Animal Health (IVSAH), by e-mailing: rachelaf@moag.gov.il or by calling: 9-723-968-8986.

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Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility approval is required for the following certificates (unless otherwise noted below):

- Bass - Health Certificate (1.61 MB) - May 2024
- Live Fish and Gametes - Health Certificate (82.98 KB) - June 2018
- Ornamental - Freshwater Fish - Health Certificate (217.36 KB) - July 2017
  - **Note**: For cultured stock of ornamental freshwater fish, APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility (RAEF) approval is required for species susceptible to SVC, EUS, and/or IPN only. For wild stock ornamental freshwater fish, APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility (RAEF) approval is required for all species.
- Ornamental - Saltwater Fish - Health Certificate (215.38 KB) - July 2017
  - **Note**: For cultured saltwater ornamental fish, APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility (RAEF) approval is required for all species. For wild capture saltwater ornamental fish, APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility (RAEF) approval is not required for any species.
- Crustaceans - Breeding, Culture, or Grow-out - Health Certificate (88.85 KB) - June 2018

Research/Laboratory Animals

- Live Fish - Research - Health Certificate (30.02 KB) - December 2015
- Rodent Embryos - Frozen - Research/Laboratory - Health Certificate (67.81 KB) - November 2015
- Rodent Semen - Frozen - Research/Laboratory - Health Certificate (175.26 KB) - March 2020
- Rodents - Research/Laboratory - Health Certificate (204.95 KB) - June 2021

  Note: The **Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Rodents for Research or Laboratory Purpose from the United States of America to Israel** is also available in the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS).

Other Animals

- Canine - Semen - Health Certificate (66.72 KB) - February 2017
- Amphibians - Health Certificate (347.37 KB) - March 2022
- Reptiles - Health Certificate (193.91 KB) - December 2022

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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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