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Export Live Animals to Israel

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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

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 - 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 \(VEHCS\)](#).
- [Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (25.22 KB) - December 2015

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:

- [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
- [Ornamental - Saltwater Fish - Health Certificate](#) (215.38 KB) - July 2017
- [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 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.

Mailing Addresses

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