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Export Live Animals to Italy

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For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

For APHIS VMO: Original ink endorsement REQUIRED



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However, this country requires **USDA to ink-sign and emboss the health certificate**. This means the final, endorsed health certificate that travels with the

animal(s) must be mailed back.

IMPORTANT: The endorsed health certificate (paper, not electronic) must accompany the shipment. The endorsed health certificate will be returned by mail (a pre-paid, pre-addressed return label must be provided during certificate submission).

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Live Animal Export Country Requirements

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Summary of Requirements

Note: All establishments of origin for live equines must be registered with USDA APHIS. Please contact the relevant [Veterinary Export Trade Services \(VETS\) Endorsement Office](#) to inquire how to register an establishment.

- **Live Horses**

- [EQUI-X](#) (1.62 MB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of domestic equidae not intended for slaughter - March 2022
- [EQUI-TRANSIT-X](#) (334.67 KB) - Health certificate and model declaration for transit through the Union of equine animals not intended for slaughter - March 2022

Cattle

Bovine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

Bovine - Germinal Products (Semen/Embryos/Oocytes) - Dispatched from Germinal Product Storage Center or Germinal Product Processing Establishment

Aquaculture / Aquatic Animals

- [Aquatic Turtles - Commercial - Health Certificate](#) (22.32 KB) - April 2017

Note: The import of *Mauremide caspica*, *Chelydra serpentina* and *Macrocllemmis temminchi* species is prohibited.

Other Animals

- [Annelids - Health Certificate](#) (28.68 KB) - August 2015
- [Canine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (284.3 KB) - June 2015
- Commercial Rabbits/Hares

Note: Exporters must obtain an import permit from the Italian Ministry of Health. Requests can be made to: l.presutti@sanita.it.

Pets

Visit the [APHIS Pet Travel Website](#) for information about exporting your pets.

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?

Export Trade Services (by State)

APHIS has animal health officials available nationwide with expertise in export requirements for animals. Contact your nearest office for questions about endorsing an export or health certificate for live animals.

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