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# Export Live Animals to Korea

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## Orange Banner Country

**For Accredited Veterinarians:** Electronic signature ACCEPTED

**For APHIS VMO:** Original ink endorsement REQUIRED



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**Accredited veterinarians** can submit health certificates for USDA endorsement electronically through VEHCS (Veterinary Export Health Certification System).

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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The posted health certificate templates/formats are required to be used.

**Note:** Multiple animals may be recorded on one health certificate.

## Summary of Requirements

### Equine

- [Horses - Competition - Health Certificate](#) (198.07 KB) - August 2023
- [Horses - Protocol](#) (135.48 KB) - November 2015
- [Horses - Health Certificate](#) (173.02 KB)
- [Horses - Appendix 1 - ID Page](#) (100.52 KB)

**Note:** For horses that are not microchipped

- [Horses - Appendices 2 and 3 - EVA Vaccinated Horses](#) (83.13 KB)
- [Equine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (51.82 KB)

**Note:** Facility approval is required by Korean government.

### Cattle

- [Cattle - Breeding Bulls - Protocol](#) (81.57 KB)
- [Cattle - Breeding Bulls departing U.S. after February 6, 2023 - Health Certificate](#) (168.41 KB)
- [Cattle - Breeding Bulls departing U.S. before February 6, 2023 - Health Certificate](#) (173.41 KB)

- [Bovine - Embryos - MAFRA Notification No. 2015-9 - Protocol](#) (35.21 KB)
- [Bovine - Embryos - Health Certificate](#) (117.98 KB) \*

**Note:** Bovine Embryo Facilities/Teams must be APHIS approved and notified to Korea prior to export.

- [Bovine - Embryos - Instructions to Create Health Certificate in VEHCS](#) (79.03 KB)
- [Bovine - Semen - Protocol](#) (8.46 KB) - August 2003
- [Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) (107.66 KB) \*

**Note:** \* A health certificate for this commodity can also be generated through the [Veterinary Export Health Certificate System \(or VEHCS\)](#).

## Swine

**Note:** After arrival in the Republic of Korea, the swine will undergo a 15 day quarantine and novel influenza A (H1N1 and H3N2v) antigen testing. The sample health certificate posted below is required to be used.

- [Swine - Health Certificate](#) (97.27 KB) - September 2014

## Poultry

[HPAI Guidance and Restrictions](#) (118.8 KB)

- [Poultry - Poultry, Day-old Chicks, and Hatching Eggs - Protocol](#) (407.9 KB) - November 2018
- [Poultry - Day-old Chicks - Health Certificate](#) (336.72 KB) - November 2018

**Note:** VS Form 17-6 is not required.

- Poultry - Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate - *Ineligible*
- [Ratites - Protocol](#) (6.55 KB) - June 1999
- [Ratites - Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs - Protocol](#) (6.4 KB) - May 1999

## Birds (non-Poultry)

- [Pet Birds - Commercial - Health Certificate](#) (49.91 KB)

## Aquatic Animals

**Note:** According to the National Fishery Products Quarantine Management Service (NFQS) of the Republic of Korea, aquatic animals not included in the Disease List for Aquaculture Health Certificate below are not designated quarantine commodities and can be imported into Korea without health certificates.

**Note:** The National Fishery Products Quality Management Service (NFQS) of the Republic of Korea has informed APHIS that no species of living-modified (e.g., genetically modified) ornamental fish and salmonid fish (including eyed eggs) are permitted for import to Korea. Should imported U.S. origin aquatic animals be identified as LMOs through import quarantine procedure, the animals in question may be destroyed.

- [Aquatic Animals - Health Certificate](#) (91.02 KB) - February 2022 (also available within [VEHCS](#))
- [Aquaculture - Disease List for Aquaculture Health Certificate](#) (97.38 KB) - March 2015

## Research / Laboratory Animals

- [Mice, Opossums, and Guinea Pigs - Laboratory - Protocol](#) (31.5 KB) - January 2017

## Other Animals

**Note:** No requirements for importation of reptiles, unless the species to be exported requires a CITES permit. If a CITES permit is needed, the importer should acquire an import permit from Korea's Ministry of Environment.

- [Ferrets - Commercial - All - Health Certificate](#) (107.67 KB) - June 2021

**Note:** A health certificate for this commodity can also be generated through the [Veterinary Export Health Certification System \(VEHCS\)](#). Commercial ferrets facilities must be APHIS approved and notified to Korea prior to export.

- [Rabbits - Health Certificate](#) (187.87 KB) - April 2021

## 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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