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Export Live Animals to Taiwan

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Electronic Signature **ACCEPTED**; Original Ink Endorsement **REQUIRED**

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
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Summary of Requirements

All live animals, semen, and embryos that are required to undergo testing for specific animal diseases prior to export may be required by Taiwan law to have both a sample and test date listed on the health certificate.

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Equine

- [Horses—Protocol](#) (23.97 KB) (May 2022)
- [Horses—Health Certificate](#) (226.67 KB) (July 2022)
- [Donkeys—Health Certificate](#) (226.65 KB) (July 2022)
- [Equine Semen—Protocol](#) (14.94 KB) (May 2022)

Cattle

- [Bovine Embryos—Protocol](#) (24.24 KB) (May 2022)

Note: Vesicular stomatitis should be tested negative for both Indiana and New Jersey strains.

- [Bovine Semen—Protocol](#) (22.47 KB) (May 2022)
- [Bovine Semen—Health Certificate](#) (265.4 KB) (June 2022)

Note: Vesicular stomatitis should be tested negative for both Indiana and New Jersey strains.

Sheep and Goats

- [Sheep and Goats—Protocol](#) (25.13 KB) (May 2022)
- [Sheep and Goats: Semen—Protocol](#) (20.29 KB) (May 2022)
- [Sheep and Goats: Embryos—Protocol](#) (63.97 KB) (May 2022)

Swine

Note: As of November 2018, during the pre-export quarantine all pigs shall require oral swabs for Senecavirus A (SVA) RT-PCR testing with negative results before shipment to Taiwan.

- [Swine—Protocol](#) (22.09 KB) (May 2022)
- [Swine—Health Certificate](#) (233.45 KB) (June 2022)
- [Swine Embryos—Protocol](#) (16.03 KB) (May 2022)
- [Swine Semen—Protocol](#) (27.73 KB) (May 2022)
- [Swine Semen—Health Certificate](#) (186.99 KB) (May 2022)

Note: This health certificate is available to be completed in [VEHCS](#).

Poultry

Note:

- Check Taiwan's [website](#) and consult with your [Veterinary Export Trade Services \(VETS\) Endorsement Office](#) to determine zone eligibility for export of live birds and hatching eggs.
- Export of Live Birds (older than 72 hours), Day-Old Poultry, Hatching Eggs, and SPF/Fertilized Chicken Eggs originating from HPAI-affected **States** is prohibited, except as described in the *Interim Measures* guidance below.

- Transit of HPAI-affected **countries/zones (States)** is prohibited, except as described in the *Interim Measures* guidance below, and for commodities that meet Taiwan's [Rules of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container](#).
- [Requirements for Poultry and Birds—Protocol](#) (31.95 KB) (May 2022)
 - [Landfowl \(Chickens, Turkeys, Pheasants, Quails, Guinea Fowls, Partridges, Grouses, Peafowl Ostriches, Emus, and Cassowaries, etc.\)—Health Certificate](#) (334.16 KB) (May 2025)
 - [Waterfowl \(Ducks, Geese, Swans, Mandarin Ducks, Penguins, Sandpipers, Plovers, Egrets, Storks, Cranes, Rails, Pelicans, etc.\)—Health Certificate](#) (292.51 KB) (May 2025)
 - [Other Birds \(Pigeons, Parrots, Eagles, and Other Birds of Flight\)—Health Certificate](#) (445.34 KB) (May 2025)
- [Poultry: Day-Old Birds and Hatching Eggs—Protocol](#) (28.22 KB) (May 2022)
 - [Poultry: Day-Old Chicks and Hatching Eggs of Landfowl \(Chickens, Turkeys, Pheasants, Quails, Guinea Fowls, Partridges, Grouses, Peafowl, Ostriches, Emus, and Cassowaries, etc.\)—Health Certificate](#) (219.03 KB) (May 2025)
 - **Note:** A [VS Form 17-6](#) (937.87 KB) should also accompany shipments of day-old chicks and hatching eggs.
- [Poultry: SPF Eggs—Protocol](#) (25.19 KB) (May 2022)
 - [Poultry: SPF Eggs—Health Certificate](#) (328.36 KB) (May 2025)

Interim Measures for the Importation of Day-Old Poultry, Hatching Eggs, & Fertilized Chicken Eggs for Research Purposes or Vaccine Production From HPAI-Free Zones Within a State Restricted by Taiwan

- [Summary information on steps to obtain a special interim import permit for facilities that are in HPAI- free zone](#) (>10 kilometers) within a State that has been removed from [Taiwan's AI-free list](#) (May 2025)
- [Day Old Poultry and Hatching Eggs: Interim Measures - Health Certificate](#) (May 2025)
- [SPF Eggs: Interim Measures—Health Certificate](#) (283.59 KB) (May 2025)

- [Transit Declaration](#) (42.01 KB)
 - This declaration is also required for poultry that is domestically transiting through HPAI-restricted zones.

Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

APHIS-Registered Aquaculture Export Facility [approval is required](#).

[Fish \(including Young and Adult Eels\), Their Gametes and Fertilized Eggs—Health Certificate](#) (1.52 MB) (February 2024)

[Fish \(including Young and Adult Eels\), Their Gametes and Fertilized Eggs—Protocol](#) (1.46 MB) (February 2024)

[Crustaceans and Mollusks—Health Certificate](#) (1.6 MB) (February 2024)

[Crustaceans and Mollusks—Protocol](#) (1.52 MB) (February 2024)

Note: Taiwan considers *Litopenaeus vannamei* susceptible to the following pathogens of concern:

- Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease (AHPND)
- Decapod iridescent virus 1 (DIV1)
- *Enterocytozoon hepatopenaei* (EHP)
- Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis (IHHNV)
- Infectious myonecrosis (IMNV)
- *Necrotising hepatopancreatitis* (NHP)
- Taura syndrome (TSV)
- White spot disease (WSSV)
- Yellow head disease (YHV)

Note: Complete item # II.2 on page 2 of the health certificate as follows:

- Check Box A if the animals meet the premises freedom level requirements for a given pathogen of concern, then list each of those pathogens below “Name of the disease which are under official surveillance complying with this condition” on the health certificate.
- Check Box B if the animals meet the test and ship level requirements for a given pathogen of concern, then list each of those pathogens in the table under

Box B.

- A given shipment can be certified using just Box A or Box B, or via a combination. For example, the animals could meet “Box A” requirements for 2 of 5 pathogens and “Box B” requirements for the remaining 3 of 5 pathogens.

Note: For endorsement of health certificates of aquatic animals intended for human consumption, contact the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Seafood Inspection Program at +1-800-422-2750. For more information, visit [NOAA's Seafood Inspection Program](#).

Research/Laboratory Animals

- [Dogs: Laboratory—Health Certificate](#) (330.49 KB) (June 2022)
- [Ferrets: Laboratory—Health Certificate](#) (326.95 KB) (June 2022)
- [Rabbits: Laboratory—Health Certificate](#) (391.83 KB) (June 2022)
- [Mice—Protocol](#) (89.66 KB) (May 2022)
- [Fertilized Chicken Eggs: Research Purposes or Vaccine Production—Protocol](#) (21.03 KB) (May 2022)
- [Fertilized Chicken Eggs: Research Purposes or Vaccine Production—Health Certificate](#) (268.86 KB) (May 2022)

Other Animals

- [Live Tortoises—Protocol](#) (12.67 KB) (April 2023)
 - [Live Tortoises \(Four or Less\)—Health Certificate](#) (26.25 KB) (April 2023)
 - [Live Tortoises \(Five or More\)—Health Certificate](#) (198.21 KB) (April 2023)
- [Rabbits: Commercial/Non-Laboratory/Pet Purposes—Health Certificate](#) (419.33 KB) (October 2024)
- [Canine Semen—Protocol](#) (17.65 KB) (May 2022)
- [Giant Pandas—Protocol](#) (13.1 KB) (May 2022)
- [Hedgehogs—Protocol](#) (13.86 KB) (May 2022)
- [Marsupials—Protocol](#) (16.39 KB) (May 2022)
- [Meerkats—Protocol](#) (17.27 KB) (May 2022)
- [Other Terrestrial Mammals—Protocol](#) (30.83 KB) (May 2022)

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 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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