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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.



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 prior to 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: Please check Taiwan's [website](#) to verify if the State of origin has been removed from the list of Avian Influenza free states in order to determine eligibility for export of live birds (including pet birds) and hatching eggs.

Please check with your [Veterinary Export Trade Services \(VETS\) Endorsement Office](#) (103.86 KB) to receive the current health certificate and confirm the bird will be allowed entry.

Taiwan **does not allow** movement of birds through any country/zone considered affected with high pathogenic avian influenza.

Taiwan has suspended the transit of Day-Old Birds and Hatching Eggs through Chicago O'Hare International Airport, effective February 21, 2025.

- [Requirements for Poultry and Birds - Protocol](#) (31.95 KB) - May 2022
- Land Fowl (Chickens, Turkeys, Pheasants, Quails, Guinea fowls, Partridges, Grouses, Peafowl Ostriches, Emus, and Cassowaries, etc.) – Health Certificate – Available Upon Request
- Water Fowl (Ducks, Geese, Swans, Mandarin ducks, Penguins, Sandpipers, Plovers, Egrets, Storks, Cranes, Rails, Pelicans, etc.) - Health Certificate - Available Upon Request
- Other Birds (Pigeons, Parrots, Eagles, and Other Birds of Flight) - Health Certificate - Available Upon Request

- [Poultry - Day-old Birds and Hatching Eggs - Protocol](#) (28.22 KB)- May 2022
- Poultry - Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs of Land Fowl (Chickens, Turkeys, Pheasants, Quails, Guinea fowls, Partridges, Grouses, Peafowl, Ostriches, Emus, and Cassowaries, etc.) - Health Certificate - Available Upon Request

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 - Available Upon Request

Interim Measures for the Importation of Day-Old Poultry, Hatching Eggs, and Fertilized Chicken Eggs for Research Purposes or Vaccine Production from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (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](#) (93.51 KB)(>10 km) within a state that has been removed from [Taiwan's AI free list](#)
 - [Day-old chicks and hatching eggs - interim measures - Health Certificate](#) (216.87 KB)
 - [SPF eggs - interim measures Health Certificate](#) (283.59 KB)
 - [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

Notes: Taiwan considers the following species susceptible to Decapod iridescent virus 1 (DIV1) and are required to comply with the [importation](#)

[requirements of Taiwan.](#)

Procambarus clarkii

Cherax quadricarinatus

Macrobrachium nipponense

Macrobrachium rosenbergii

Penaeus vannamei

Note: For endorsement of health certificates of aquatic animals intended for human consumption, please contact National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Seafood inspection Program at +1-800-422-2750 or for more information visit their website at [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) - Oct 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?

[Visit Pet Travel](#)

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?

[Download contacts](#)

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) and for issuance of health certificates.

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact your nearest APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services Endorsement Office for questions about endorsing an export health certificate for live animals.

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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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