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Export Live Animals to Turkey

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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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Note: All health certificates for U.S. origin animals and animal genetics destined to Turkey (with the exceptions of bovine semen* and day-old poultry**) must be endorsed by APHIS no more than two (2) days prior to export. Exporters are advised to schedule health certificate endorsement with their [local USDA APHIS Endorsement Office](#) accordingly.

Note: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MinAF) of the Republic of Türkiye has shared the following list of entry ports in Türkiye that are permitted to inspect imported live animals and animal products. Please use this list of approved ports of entry when planning shipments of animals and germplasm.

- [List of approved ports of arrival in Türkiye for animals and animal products](#)

Summary of Requirements

Equine

- [Horses - Health Certificate](#) - November 2007

Cattle

Note: Effective **April 1, 2024** there is a trade restriction on cattle due to HPAI detections in U.S. dairy cattle. **Turkey** has prohibited the U.S. export of live cattle.

- [Bulls - Breeding - Health Certificate](#) - March 2023

- [Cattle - Female Breeding - Health Certificate](#) - March 2023
- [Cattle - Fattening - Health Certificate](#) - March 2012
- **Bovine - Embryos**
 - [Bovine - Embryos \(In Vivo-Derived\) - Health Certificate](#) - December 2014
 - [List of EU-Approved Bovine Embryo Collection and Production Teams that meet the Entry Requirements of the Republic of Turkey](#) (scroll down to "II. Embryos," and click on "United States" PDF links)

Note: Effective February 28, 2018, an APHIS endorsed U.S. origin **bovine semen** certificate is considered valid for 30 days from the date of issuance by the USDA-accredited veterinarian.

- **Bovine - Semen**
 - [Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate](#) - August 2019
 - [Bovine - Semen - Annex II, Part 2](#) - January 2006 - Semen collected, processed, and stored before 31 December 2004, in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC (Bilingual English-Turkish)
 - [List of EU-Approved Bovine Semen Collection Centers and Bovine Semen Storage Centers that meet the Entry Requirements of the Republic of Turkey](#) (under "I. Semen," click on "United States" PDF links)

Sheep and Goats

- [Sheep and Goats - Breeding and Production - Health Certificate](#) - September 2010

Poultry

Note: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey has imposed trade restrictions on U.S. origin poultry, day-old chicks, and hatching eggs from the states of California, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington, due to HPAI.

****Note:** Day-old poultry certificates must be issued by the USDA accredited veterinarian and endorsed by APHIS on page 6 within 10 days of departure. The USDA accredited veterinarian must issue **Part III. Supplementary health**

information addendum (page 7) no more than two (2) days prior to export.

- [Poultry - Day-old Chicks - Health Certificate](#) - December 2014
- [Poultry - Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate](#) - December 2014

Aquatic Animals

- [Aquaculture - Closed Ornamental Facilities - Health Certificate](#) - May 2016 - Ornamental aquatic animals intended for closed ornamental facilities - (Annex IV, Part B, Commission Regulation 1012/2012)

APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility [approval is required](#) for the Aquaculture Animals for Farming, Relaying, or Put and Take Fisheries, and/or Intended for Open Ornamental Facilities health certificate.

- [Aquaculture - Open Ornamental Facilities - Health Certificate](#) - May 2016 - Aquaculture animals for farming, relaying, or put and take fisheries, and/or intended for open ornamental facilities - (Annex IV, Part A, Commission Regulation 1012/2012)
- References:
 - [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 1012/2012](#) - February 2013
 - [Directive 2006/88/EC](#) - On page 52 is the list of species susceptible to EHN, *Bonamia exitiosa*, *Perkinsus marinus*, *Microcytos mackini*, taura syndrome, yellowhead disease, VHS, IHN, KHV, ISA, *Marteilia refringens*, *Bonamia ostreae*, and white spot disease.
 - [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 346/2010](#) - April 2010 - On page 9 is the list of species susceptible to SVC, BKD, IPN, and *Gryodactylus salaris*.

Other Animals

- [Commercial Movement Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets for Research Purposes - Health Certificate](#) - August 2020

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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