Export Live Animals to Türkiye

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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 health certificates for U.S.-origin animals and animal genetics destined to Türkiye (with the exceptions of bovine semen and day-old poultry) must be endorsed by APHIS no more than 2 days before export. Exporters are advised to schedule health certificate endorsement with their local APHIS endorsement office accordingly.

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 (August 2020)

Effective July 17, 2026, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MinAF) of Türkiye restricts **exports** and **transits** of the following species from the States of **Texas** and **New Mexico** due to New World screwworm in the United States:

- Dogs and cats
- Horses, donkeys, mules, bardos
- Cattle
- Pigs, swine
- Sheep and goats
- Other mammals, including primates, marine mammals, camels, rabbits, guinea pigs, and mice

Note: Animals destined to Türkiye may not transit the States of Texas or New Mexico enroute, and animals from Texas and New Mexico cannot transit Türkiye enroute to a third country.

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Equine

NOTE: For item II, “Origin country and country of destination” please provide the country of **birth** of the animal for export.”

- Horses—Health Certificate (331.91 KB) **|** November 2007

Cattle

Effective **May 15, 2024,** the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MinAF) of the Republic of Türkiye has temporarily suspended imports of bovine animals from the United States due to HPAI cases in mammals.

- Bulls: Breeding—Health Certificate (304.85 KB) | March 2023
- Cattle: Female Breeding—Health Certificate (556.61 KB) | March 2023
- Cattle: Fattening—Health Certificate (325.8 KB) | March 2012

Bovine Embryos

- Bovine Embryos (In Vivo-Derived)—Health Certificate (192.79 KB) | December 2014
- To enter EU TRACES, view the List of Currently EU-Approved Bovine Embryo Collection and Production Teams That Meet the Entry Requirements of the Republic of Türkiye and then:
    1. Select "United States (US)."
    2. Select the Chapter for "Germinal Products."
    3. Select the relevant Section for *in vivo* embryos, "Embryo Collection Team."
    4. Click on the eye icon to produce the list of approved facilities.
- List of Historically EU-Approved Bovine Embryo Collection and Production Teams (Approved Before April 2021) That Meet the Entry Requirements of the Republic of Türkiye (scroll down to “II. Embryos,” and click on "United States" PDF links)

Bovine Semen

Effective **April 29, 2025,** an APHIS-endorsed, U.S.-origin **bovine semen** certificate is considered valid for **15 days** from the date of issuance by the USDA-accredited veterinarian, as noted on the updated health certificate (April 2025).

- Bovine Semen—Health Certificate (710.74 KB) | April 2025
- Bovine Semen—Annex II, Part 2 (117.38 KB) | January 2006; semen collected, processed, and stored before December 31, 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 Türkiye (under “I. Semen,” click on "United States" PDF links)

Sheep and Goats

Note: Effective August 5, 2026, sheep and goats the originate from the State of **Oregon** are not permitted for export to Türkiye, due to scrapie disease detection.

Sheep and Goats Health Certificate (117.34 KB)

Poultry

Note: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Türkiye has imposed trade restrictions on U.S.-origin domestic and wild birds (for any intended use) from the states of Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, due to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

- Kansas
- Minnesota
- North Dakota
- South Dakota

Note: To apply for an import permit, a completed **sample** health certificate should be submitted to the Turkish import authorities. That certificate does **not** need to be signed by either the USDA-accredited veterinarian or the APHIS endorsing veterinarian. Once the import permit is issued, the USDA-accredited veterinarian may proceed with issuing the **final** certificate, which must then be endorsed by APHIS.

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 2 days before export.

- Poultry: Day-Old Chicks—Health Certificate (200.06 KB) | December 2014
- Poultry: Hatching Eggs—Health Certificate (280.74 KB) | December 2014

Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

- Aquaculture: Closed Ornamental Facilities—Health Certificate (800.05 KB) | April 2026—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 (709.63 KB) | April 2026—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 (1.4 MB) | 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 (1.5 MB) | April 2010—On page 9 is the list of species susceptible to SVC, BKD, IPN, and *Gryodactilys salaris*.

Other Animals

- Commercial Movement of Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets for Research Purposes—Health Certificate (321.02 KB) | August 2020

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?

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 Endorsement Offices

APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services (VETS) offers commodity-specific expertise for exporting animals. Use the dropdown to contact us with questions about

endorsing health certificates. For quickest help, see **tips for exporters and accredited veterinarians.**

- Select a Commodity - ▼

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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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