Export Live Animals to United Arab Emirates

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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.

VEHCS Help | VEHCS Guide (7.6 MB) | VEHCS Login

Live Animal Export Country Requirements - Select a Country - ▼ View Requirements

Summary of Requirements

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Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

- Amphibians, Aquatic Mammals, Live Fish, Shellfish, and Crustaceans - Health Certificate (248.23 KB) - September 2019

Birds (non-Poultry)

- Birds - Health Certificate (289.04 KB) - February 2023

Cattle

- Cattle - Health Certificate (222.08 KB) - June 2020
- Bovine - Semen - Health Certificate (227.79 KB) - October 2020
- Bovine - Ova and Embryos - Health Certificate (229.52 KB) - October 2020

Equine

Note: *Please check with United Arab Emirates (UAE) officials about additional testing requirements for horses. Due to a recent outbreak of strangles, in the UAE, additional testing requirements (using PCR) prior to US export may be required. Additional test results are likely to be necessary for an import permit and a statement about the date of testing, the horses tested and the negative results may be signed by an accredited veterinarian to confirm that the additional UAE requirements have been met. Such a statement does not have to be endorsed by USDA.*

- Horses - Temporary Admission - Protocol (39.92 KB) - June 2009
- Horses - Permanent Admission - Protocol (47.65 KB) - June 2009
- Horses - European Union Origin - Protocol (43.31 KB) - June 2009
- Equine - Semen - Protocol (72.23 KB) - December 2005
- Horses - Export/Return after Competing in International Races/Competition - Health Certificate (76.02 KB) - August 2018

Poultry

- Day-old Chicks - Health Certificate (298.66 KB) - February 2023
- Hatching Eggs - Health Certificate (294.14 KB) - February 2023

Rabbits

The requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate.

Veterinary Health Certificate for Rabbits (156.2 KB) - July 2024

Sheep and Goats

- Sheep and Goats - Health Certificate (211.8 KB)- October 2019

Swine

- Swine - Breeding - Health Certificate - MAY 2025
- Swine - Laboratory/Research - Health Certificate - MAY 2025

Other Animals

- Lagomorphs (including rabbits) - Health Certificate (161.62 KB)- February 2025
- Marsupials - Health Certificate (170.9 KB) - February 2025
- Primates - Health Certificate (221.15 KB) - March 2025
- Reptiles - Health Certificate (162.05 KB) - February 2025
- Rodents - Health Certificate (164.88 KB) - February 2025
- SPF Laboratory Rodents - Health Certificate - June 2025

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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