Veterinary Services Import/Export User Fees

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9 CFR § 130.3(b) —Individual Animals and Certain Birds Quarantined in APHIS-Owned or -Operated Quarantine Facilities, Including APHIS Animal Import Centers

Per Animal or Bird	Daily User Fee
Birds (excluding ratites and pet birds imported in accordance with Part 93 of this subchapter)	
0–250 grams	$5.00
251–1,000 grams	10.00
Over 1,000 grams	30.00
Domestic or zoo animals (excepts equines, birds, and poultry)	
Bison, bulls, camels, cattle, or zoo animals	341.00
All others, including, but not limited to, alpacas, llamas, goats, sheep, and swine	69.00
Equines (including zoo equines, but excluding miniature horses)	
1st through 3rd day (fee per day)	586.00

Per Animal or Bird	Daily User Fee
4th through 7th day (fee per day)	196.00
8th through subsequent days (fee per day)	196.00
Miniature horses	204.00
Poultry (including zoo poultry)	
Doves, pigeons, quail	9.25
Chickens, ducks, grouse, guinea fowl, partridge, pea fowl, pheasants	16.00
Large poultry and large waterfowl, including, but not limited to game cocks, geese, swans, and turkeys	51.00
Ratites	
Chicks (less than 3 months old)	32.00
Juveniles (3 months through 10 months old)	47.00
Adults (11 months old and older)	91.00

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9 CFR § 130.3(b) — Bird or Poultry (nonstandard housing, care, or handling)

Per Bird or Poultry	Daily User Fee
Birds 0–250 grams and doves, pigeons and quail	$14.00
Birds 251–1,000 grams and poultry such as chickens, ducks, grouse, guinea fowl, partridge, pea fowl, and pheasants	28.00
Birds over 1,000 grams and large poultry and large winter fowl, including but not limited to gamecocks, geese, swans, and turkeys	51.00

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9 CFR § 130.3(c) — Exclusive Use of Space at APHIS Animal Import Centers

Animal Import Center	Monthly User Fee
Newburgh, NY	
Space A—5,396 sq. ft^2 (503.1 m^2)	$104,369.00
Space B—8,903 sq. ft^2 (827.1 m^2)	172,201.00
Space C—905 sq. ft^2 (84.1 m^2)	17,504.00

Square Foot (f^2); square meter (M^2)

User fees for any service rendered by an APHIS representative for each animal quarantined in a privately operated permanent or temporary import quarantine facility will be calculated at the hourly user fee rate listed in §130.4 for each employee required to perform the service.

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9 CFR § 130.3 —Processing Permit Applications

Service		Per Unit User Fee
Import compliance assistance		
Simple (4 hours or less)	Per shipment	$249.00
Complicated (more than 4 hours)	Per shipment	762.00
Processing an application for a permit to import live animals, animal products or byproducts, organisms, vectors, or germplasm (embryos or semen) or to transport organisms or vectors [1]		
Initial permit	Per application	303.00
Amended permit	Per amended application	176.00
Renewed permit [2]	Per application	176.00
Processing an application for permit to import fetal bovine serum when facility inspection is required	Per application	1,075.00

[1] Using Veterinary Services Form 16-3, "Application for Permit to Import or Transport Controlled Material or Organism or Vectors," or Form 17-129, "Application for Import or in Transit Permits (Animals, Animal Semen, Animal Embryos, Birds, Poultry, or Hatching Eggs)"

[2] Permits to import germplasm, and live animals are not renewable.

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9 CFR § 130.3 — Inspection of Live Animals at Land Border Ports Along the United States-Mexico Border

Type of Live Animal	Per Head User Fee
Any ruminants (including breeder ruminants) not covered below	$11.00
Feeder	8.25
Horses, other than slaughter	288.00
In-bond or in-transit	20.00
Slaughter	13.00

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9 CFR §130.3(d)— Import or Entry Services for Live Animals at Land Border Ports Along the United States-Canada Border

Type of Live Animal		Per Unit User Fee
Animals being imported into the United States: Breeding animals (Grade animals, except horses)		
Sheep and goats	Per head	$2.25
Swine	Per head	2.00
All others	Per head	17.00

Type of Live Animal		Per Unit User Fee
Feeder animals		
Cattle (not including calves)	Per head	2.75
Sheep and calves	Per head	2.25
Swine	Per head	0.50
Horses (including registered horses) other than slaughter and in-transit	Per head	49.00
Poultry (including eggs), imported for any purpose	Per load	88.00
Registered animals, all types (except horses)	Per head	11.00
Slaughter animals, all types (except poultry)	Per load	79.00
Animals transiting[1] the United States		
Cattle	Per head	11.00
Sheep and goats	Per head	1.25
Swine	Per head	1.75
Horses and all other animals	Per head	118.00

Type of Live Animal	Per Unit User Fee

[1] The user fee in this section will be charged for in-transit authorizations at the port where the authorization services are performed. For additional services provided by APHIS at any port, the hourly user fee in §130.3 will apply.

Minimum user fee for these services is listed in §130.4.

Reimbursable overtime, as provided for in part 97 of this chapter, applies if a service must be conducted on a Sunday or holiday or at any other time outside the normal tour of duty of each employee performing the service.

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9 CFR 130.3 — Other Services

Service		Per Unit User Fee
Germplasm being exported[1]		
Embryo: Up to 5 donor pairs	Per certificate	$163.00
Embryo: Each additional group of donor pairs, up to 5 pairs per group on the same certificate	Per group of donor pairs	100.00
Embryo: Semen	Per certificate	171.00
Release from export agricultural hold		
Simple (2 hours or less)	Per release	118.00

Service		Per Unit User Fee
Complicated (more than 2 hours)	Per release	601.00

[1] This user fee includes a single inspection and resealing of the container at the APHIS employee's regular tour of duty station or at a limited port. For each subsequent inspection and resealing required, the hourly user fee in § 130.4 will apply.

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9 CFR § 130.3(c) — Pet Birds

User fees for pet birds of U.S. origin returning to the United States, except pet birds of U.S. origin returning from Canada:

Service	Pet Lot User Fee
(1) Which have been out of the United States 60 days or less	$362.00
(2) Which have been out of the United States for more than 60 days	938.00

These user fees include standard care, feed, and handling.

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9 CFR § 130.3(c) - Pet Birds Quarantine in an Animal Import Center or Other APHIS-Owned or Supervised Quarantine Facility

These user fees include standard care, feed, and handling.

Number of Birds in Isolate	Daily User Fee

1	$22.00
2	24.00
3	26.00
4	30.00
5 or more	32.00

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9 CFR § 130.4 — Inspecting and Approving Import/Export Facilities and Establishments

These user fees do not apply to inspection activities covered in § 130.4(a)(2)

Service	Per Unit	User Fee
Embryo collection center inspection and approval (all inspections required during the year for facility approval).	Per year	$767.00
Inspection for approval of biosecurity level three labs (all inspections related to approving the laboratory for handling one defined set of organisms or vectors)[1]	Per inspection	3,262.00
Inspection for approval of slaughter establishment		
Initial approval (all inspections)	Per year	938.00
Renewal (all inspections)	Per year	703.00
Inspection of approved establishments, warehouses, and facilities under 9 CFR Part 94 through 96		

Service	Per Unit	User Fee
Approval (compliance agreement) (all inspections for first year of 3-year approval)	Per year	747.00
Renewal (all inspections for second and third years of 3-year approval)	Per year	513.00

[1] The hourly user fee rate in § 130.4 applies to biosecurity level two laboratories.

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9 CFR § 130.3(f) — Endorsing Export Certificates

Export health certificates may need to be endorsed for an animal being exported from the United States if the country to which the animal is being shipped requires one. APHIS endorses export health certificates as a service.

User fees for endorsement of export health certificates that do not require verification of tests or vaccinations below:

Certificate Categories	User Fee
Animal and non-animal products	$101.00
Hatching eggs	113.00
Poultry (including slaughter poultry)	113.00
Ruminants, except slaughter ruminants moving to Canada or Mexico	67.00
Slaughter animals (except poultry but including ruminants) moving to Canada or Mexico	70.00

Certificate Categories	User Fee
Other endorsements or certifications	101.00

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9 CFR § 130.3(f)—User Fees for the Endorsement of Export Health Certificates that Require the Verification of Tests or Vaccinations

Number[1] of test or vaccinations and Number of animals or birds on the certificate	User Fee
1–2 tests or vaccinations	
Nonslaughter horses to Canada, first horse	$100.00
Nonslaughter horses to Canada, each additional horse	58.00
Other animals or birds, first animal	160.00
Other animals or birds, each additional animal	10.00
3–6 tests or vaccinations	
First animal	206.00
Each additional animal	18.00

Number[1] of test or vaccinations and Number of animals or birds on the certificate	User Fee
7 or more tests or vaccinations	
First animal	275.00
Each additional animal	21.00

[1] Rabies vaccinations are not included in this number.

If an export certificate covers more than one animal, but the number of tests required for different animals are not the same, the user fee for the certificate is the fee which would be due if all the animals on the certificate required the same number of tests as the animal which requires the greatest number of tests.

The user fees prescribed in this section will not apply to an export health certificate if the export health certificate is prepared for endorsement completely at the site of the inspection by an APHIS veterinarian in the course of performing inspection or supervision services for the animals listed on the certificate.

If a service must be conducted on a Sunday or holiday or at any other time outside the normal tour of duty of the employee, then reimbursable overtime, as provided for in part 97 of this chapter, must be paid for each service, in addition to the user fee listed in this section.

The user fees apply to each export health certificate endorsed for animals and birds depending on the number of animals or birds covered by the certificate and the number of tests or vaccinations required. However, there will be a maximum user fee of 12 times the hourly rate user fee listed in § 130.4(a) of this part for any single shipment.

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9 CFR § 130.4 — Hourly Rate and Minimum User Fees

User fees for import- or export-related veterinary services listed in 9 CFR 130.4(a)(1) through (a)(18), except those services covered by flat rate user fees elsewhere in part 130, will be calculated at the hourly rate listed in the following for each employee required to perform the service.

	User Fee
Hourly rate	
Per hour	$166.00
Per quarter hour	42.00
Per service minimum fee	51.00

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9 CFR § 130.4 —Overtime Hourly Rate

There is an additional charge if you need an APHIS employee to work on a Sunday, on a holiday, or at any other time outside the normal tour of duty of the employee. Instead of the hourly rate user fee, the rate listed below for each employee providing the service will be charged.

Overtime Rates (outside the employee's normal tour of duty)	**User Fee**
Premium hourly rate Monday through Saturday and holidays	
Per hour	$196.00

Overtime Rates (outside the employee's normal tour of duty)	User Fee
Per quarter hour	49.00
Premium hourly rate for Sundays	
Per hour	221.00
Per quarter hour	56.00

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