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# Importing Swine and Germplasm into the United States

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There are many processes involved with importing different species of regulated live animals into the United States. This page explains the requirements for importing live swine and swine semen.

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# Requirements

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## Ports of Entry

### Canadian Border Ports

The following land border ports are designated as having the necessary inspection facilities for the entry of [swine](#) from Canada:

- Eastport, Idaho
- Houlton, Maine
- Detroit and Port Huron, Michigan
- Raymond and Sweetgrass, Montana
- Alexandria Bay and Buffalo, New York
- Dunseith, Pembina, and Portal, North Dakota
- Highgate Springs, Vermont
- Sumas, Washington

### Air Port

The following port has APHIS inspection and quarantine facilities necessary for quarantine stations and all [swine](#) shall be entered into the United States through:

- Newburgh, New York

## Live Swine

These species may only be imported from the following listed countries.

### Canada

- [Protocol for the Importation of Domestic Swine From Canada](#) (147.04 KB) | June 2026
- Health Certificate: [Live Swine Import From Canada](#) (97.96 KB)
- [Protocol for the Importation of Farm-Raised "Wild" Boar From Canada](#) (237.98 KB) | May 2020
- [Protocol for the Transit of Swine, Sheep, and Goats From Canada to Mexico by Land Through the United States](#) (184.31 KB) | February 2023

**European Union: A permit and export health certificate are required.**

Due to the recent detections of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in Hungary, Slovakia, Cyprus, and Greece import of live swine from these countries is currently **prohibited**.

- Protocol: [Breeding Swine Import From European Union Member States Recognized as Low-Risk for Classical Swine Fever](#) (257.51 KB) | April 2026
- Model Health Certificate: [Live Swine Import From European Union Member States Recognized as Low-Risk for Classical Swine Fever](#) (184.4 KB) | April 2026

**United Kingdom: The same conditions as designated in the Protocol for Breeding Swine Import from European Union Member States are used for this type of import. A permit and export health certificate are required.**

- Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales): Health certificate [1196EHC V5 GB.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)
- Northern Ireland: Health Certificate [1196EHC V5 NI.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)

## Swine Semen

### Canada

- No permit is required if the semen tanks are transported by land; an export health certificate is required to import swine semen from Canada.

- Health Certificate: [Swine Semen Import from Canada for Reproduction](#) (420.24 KB)

**European Union: A permit and export health certificate are required.**

Due to the recent detections of Foot-and-Mouth (FMD) disease in Hungary, Slovakia, Cyprus, and Greece import of swine semen from these countries is currently **prohibited**.

- [Protocol for Swine Semen Import from Member States of the EU](#) (157.23 KB)
- Model Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from Member States of the EU](#) (167.33 KB)
- Model Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from the Netherlands](#)

**Norway: A permit and export health certificate are required.**

- Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from Norway](#) (923.89 KB)

**United Kingdom: A permit and export health certificate are required.**

- [Great Britain \(England, Scotland, Wales\) Health Certificate](#)
- [Northern Ireland Health Certificate](#)

## **What You Need To Know**

- U.S. transits are classified as shipments presented to a U.S. port of entry for conveyance purposes to then be transported to a destination country shortly after.
  - [Notice Regarding APHIS Live Animal Import and Third-Country Import Transit Permits](#)
- Please note that any animals and their germplasm transiting the United States must not transit countries with questionable disease statuses prior to reaching a U.S. port of entry.

- All transits require a contingency plan. Submit your contingency plan with your permit application ([VS 17-129](#) (211.74 KB)) to [laipermits@usda.gov](mailto:laipermits@usda.gov). To submit an import permit electronically, visit [APHIS eFile](#).
- If you are applying to import live animals, semen, and embryos, you may submit applications by email to [laipermits@usda.gov](mailto:laipermits@usda.gov).

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