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Pet Travel From the United States to the Philippines

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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.

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Electronic Signature and Digital Endorsement ACCEPTED

For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

For APHIS VMO: Digital endorsement ACCEPTED

USDA-accredited veterinarians can electronically issue health certificates and use VEHCS (Veterinary Export Health Certification System) to submit them to USDA for digital endorsement.

USDA can digitally endorse the health certificate and return it electronically.

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: The endorsed health certificate can be printed out directly from VEHCS and does **not** have to be mailed back to you. The printed, endorsed health certificate must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

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Electronic Signature ACCEPTED; Digital Endorsement for SOME COMMODITIES ONLY

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For APHIS VMO: Digital endorsement for SOME COMMODITIES ONLY

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Digital endorsement varies by species—see requirements on this page for details. The health certificate either bears the original ink signature and embossed seal ***or*** digital signature/seal.

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: Digitally endorsed health certificates can be printed out directly from VEHCS. For non-digitally endorsed health certificates, you can arrange to have your health certificate returned by mail (a prepaid, preaddressed return label must be provided during certificate submission). A paper version of the endorsed health certificate must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

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Travel Requirements Based on Pet Type

Carefully read ALL of the requirements related to your pet on this page.

- This page provides the most recent entry requirements and can change without notice.
- It is the responsibility of the veterinarian to make sure the pet has met all health requirements of the destination country before issuing a health certificate.
- Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.
- Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.

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Dogs and Cats (non-commercial exports)

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A summary of the requirements are as follows;

- Pet dogs and cats must first obtain an import permit from the Philippine Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).
- You may apply for an import permit (known by the acronym “SPSIC”) from the BAI

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- For personal pets, please select “one-time importer” when applying for your SPSIC via the above website.
- Up to three animals total (dogs or cats, or combination thereof) can be listed on one SPSIC.
- The SPSIC will specify the animal health import requirements for the pet dogs and/or cats that must be met prior to travel to the Philippines.
- If your animal’s SPSIC is issued for one animal, then the corresponding export health certificate may be issued for ONLY that one animal. However, if your animals’ SPSIC is issued for two or three animals, the corresponding export health certificate may be issued for the same two or three animals that are listed on the SPSIC. The number of animals listed on the SPSIC must match the number of animals listed on the health certificate.
- All health certificates for pet dogs and cats to the Philippines must be issued by a USDA accredited veterinarian, and then endorsed by USDA-APHIS prior to travel.
- Your private USDA accredited veterinarian will then issue an export health certificate in accordance with the criteria listed in the SPSIC.
- The USDA accredited veterinarian can either upload the completed fillable PDF health certificate and submit the form electronically to APHIS for endorsement through the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS), or can complete the entire process including issuance and endorsement via VEHCS.

International Health Certificate (192.28 KB)

Dogs and Cats (commercial exports)

Philippines Requirements Memo (2.74 MB)

A summary of the requirements are as follows;

- Commercial U.S. exporters of dogs and cats should first ensure that their Philippine importer is registered with the Philippine Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and approved by BAI to import commercial shipments of pet dogs and cats. If the Philippine importer is not registered with BAI, he/she can apply to be registered.

A Users Guide for the registration process (1.88 MB)

- The registered Philippine importer will obtain the required Philippine import permit (known by the acronym “SPSIC”) from BAI and provide a copy of the SPSIC to the U.S. exporter. There are no BAI restrictions on the number of dogs and/or cats that can be listed on a commercial SPSIC.
- The SPSIC will specify the animal health import requirements for the commercial U.S. origin dogs and/or cats that must be met prior to travel to the Philippines.
- The corresponding export health certificate can only list the same number animals that are identified on the SPSIC. The number of animals listed on the SPSIC should match the number of animals listed on the APHIS export health certificate.
- All health certificates for commercial U.S. origin dogs and cats to the Philippines must be issued by a USDA accredited veterinarian, and then endorsed by USDA-APHIS prior to travel.
- Your private USDA accredited veterinarian will then issue an export health certificate in accordance with the criteria listed in the SPSIC.
- The USDA accredited veterinarian can either upload the completed fillable PDF health certificate and submit the form electronically to APHIS for endorsement through the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS), or can complete the entire process including issuance and endorsement via VEHCS.

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Birds (non-commercial, non-poultry)

The Philippines does not permit entry of U.S.-origin birds or poultry from ***any county*** with confirmed HPAI detections in poultry, as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). Should three or more counties in one State have confirmed cases of HPAI, expect that entire State to become restricted as well.

A temporary ban has been placed on the export all domestic and wild birds, day-old chicks, and hatching eggs to the Republic of the Philippines from the states of **Indiana, Kansas** and **South Dakota** due to HPAI.

- Birds (Pet or Exhibition) and Adult Poultry - Health Certificate (222.6 KB) (222.6 KB) - August 2026

Note: Shipments of adult birds, including game fowl, must have proper identification on each bird that is consistent with the identification on the health certificate.

Other Pets

For pet travel requirements not listed, APHIS has not been officially informed by the foreign country about the requirements for your pet’s travel. We recommend that you contact a government official of the country you are traveling to for more information.

Country of Destination Contact Information

World Organisation for Animal Health: Members

U.S. Department of State: Foreign Embassies and Consulates

For more information on how to obtain an import permit please contact:

Bureau of Animal Industry

National Veterinary Quarantine Service
Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City 1128
Tel. No. 011 (632) 920 0816/926 4343
Fax No. 011 (632) 920 0815
E-mail: bai_dir@yahoo.com; baiquarantineph@gmail.com;
baiquarantine@hotmail.com

Countries Participating in the European Union

Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia

Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Republic of Ireland
Italy
Latvia

Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Northern Ireland*
Norway**
Poland

Portugal

Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland**

* Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom (UK), but will continue to follow European Union (EU) requirements even though the UK is no longer part of the EU.
** Norway and Switzerland are **not** part of the EU but have adopted EU legislation for import of most species of live animals.

Important Travel Considerations

Considerations for airline travel and cruises:



Airlines and shipping lines have their own policies and requirements for transporting pets. Check with your airline or shipping representative to determine what requirements they may have.

Learn how you can improve the safety of dogs and cats during air travel.

View additional information for pet owners, airlines, and others about APHIS endorsement of international health certificates (239.52 KB).

If pets or support animals accompany you on a cruise, you must comply with entry rules for **every** country or port where your pet or support animal exits the ship.

Will you be returning to the United States with your pet?



View APHIS Requirements

ALERT: CDC is the primary authority for dog imports. For requirements or questions about dogs entering or returning to the United States, visit the CDC website.

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Need Help?

Guidance for Pet Owners

Read an overview of the process for taking your pet to another country and related resources.

Frequently Asked Questions

View frequently asked questions about traveling with your pet.

Still Have Questions?

USDA-Accredited Veterinarians

Contact a USDA-accredited veterinarian for questions about your destination country's entry requirements for pets (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

Contact APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services if you have questions about endorsing an international pet health certificate. For quickest help, see **tips for pet owners and accredited veterinarians.**

Generalist Team

Veterinary Export Trade Services

Email: askvets@usda.gov

Helpful Links:

- Frequently Asked Questions About Pet Travel for Accredited Veterinarians

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All Contacts

Looking for Another Country?

Find your destination country requirements by using the dropdown menu below. If your country is not listed in the menu, visit Pet Travel: Unknown Requirements.

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