Pet Travel From the United States to Taiwan

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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 (EXCEPT Hawaii and Guam)

1. The dog or cat to be imported shall have been at least 90 days old, implanted with a microchip, and vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days (but no more than 1 year) prior to shipment.
2. The dog/cat has been sampled not less than 90 days and not more than 1 years prior to shipment using a neutralization antibody titration test with a titer of at least 0.5 IU/ml rabies antibodies in the blood. The test has been carried out in a rabies reference laboratory of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) or a laboratory designated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency (APHIA) of Taiwan. *
3. * Kansas State Rabies Laboratory, Kansas (FAVN), or Department of Defense Laboratory, Veterinary Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory, Texas (FAVN), or Auburn University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiology, Virology Laboratory (FAVN), University of Missouri Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (FAVN)
4. The importer shall apply for an import permit and make a reservation of the post-entry quarantine space from animal quarantine authority at the port of entry at least 20 days prior to shipment by submitting the following documents:
    - Veterinarian issued rabies vaccination certificate
    - Civil identification card of the importer. If the importer is not a resident and thus not registered in Taiwan, the other personal identification documents shall be provided (e.g. passport). If you are traveling with a guide dog for the visually impaired, please have your guide dog certification available
    - Rabies antibody titer test results showing a titer of at least 0.5IU/mL
5. On arrival of the dog or cat at the port of entry, the importer shall apply to the branch of APHIA (animal quarantine authority) for quarantine inspection and submit the import permit, original veterinary certificate issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, and bill of lading or customs declaration form. **Importing a dog or cat without an original veterinary certificate in compliance with the above noted requirements shall be refused entry, or destroyed.**

6. When conducting the quarantine inspection, APHIA (animal quarantine authority) will check the veterinary certificate and detain the dog or cat at the designated post-entry quarantine location for 7 days. During quarantine detention, the blood of the dog or cat will be sampled and tested again for rabies antibody. If the rabies antibody is under 0.5IU/mL, the dog or cat shall be revaccinated with an inactivated rabies vaccine.

Veterinary Health Certificate (499.07 KB)

Note: Taiwan will not accept health certificates generated on State health certificate forms. The use of the health certificate provided is required.

- Additional information can be found at the APHIA website.

Dogs and Cats (Hawaii and Guam)

1. The dog or cat to be imported shall have been at least 90 days old, implanted with a microchip, and vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days (but no more than 1 year) prior to shipment.
2. The importer shall apply for an import permit and make a reservation of the post-entry quarantine space from animal quarantine authority at the port of entry at least 20 days prior to shipment by submitting the following documents:
    - Veterinarian issued rabies vaccination certificate
    - Civil identification card of the importer. If the importer is not a resident and thus not registered in Taiwan, the other personal identification documents shall be provided (e.g. passport).
    - If you are traveling with a guide dog for the visually impaired, please have your guide dog certification available
      NOTE: Review the import permit thoroughly to ensure it reflects accurate information about the pet (Ex: correct gender). The veterinary health certificate and import permit must match prior to issuance and endorsement of the certificate.
3. On arrival of the dog or cat at the port of entry, the importer shall apply to the branch of APHIA (animal quarantine authority) for quarantine inspection and submit the import permit, original veterinary certificate issued by a USDA

Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, and bill of lading or customs declaration form. **Importing a dog or cat without an original veterinary certificate in compliance with the above noted requirements shall be refused entry, or destroyed.**

4. For re-import of the dog or cat that has been exported from Taiwan to Hawaii for less than 6 months, the importer shall apply for an import permit at least 20 days prior to shipment and submit an application and the photocopy of the export veterinary certificate of Taiwan to APHIA (animal quarantine authority) at the port of entry in Taiwan. The importer shall also apply for quarantine inspection on arrival of the exporting country, which is accompanied with the re-imported dog or cat shall be in compliance with all above mentioned protocol and attest that “the dog (or cat) never traveled to a third country since it arrived in this country”.

Additional information can be found at APHIA website

Veterinary Health Certificate (Hawaii) (28.22 KB)

Veterinary Health Certificate (Guam) (30.51 KB)

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Birds

Note: Please check Taiwan's website to verify if your state has been removed from the list of Avian Influenza fee states and therefore may not currently send pet birds to Taiwan.

Please check with your Veterinary Export Trade Services (VETS) Endorsement Office to receive the current health certificate and confirm the bird will be allowed entry.

The requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate. APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is required after it has been issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian.

Veterinary Health Certificate - Available Upon Request

Reptiles

Requirements known for tortoises only. Additional information for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate.

Health certificate for 4 or less tortoises (36.67 KB)

Health certificate for 5 or more tortoises (111.72 KB)

Rabbits

Requirements for traveling with your pet are described in the health certificate. APHIS endorsement of the health certificate is required after it has been issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian.

NOTE: Rabbits of the genus Lepus are not allowed entry.

Health certificate for Rabbits (419.33 KB)

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

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.

See More See Less

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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