

APHIS REGISTERED AQUACULTURE EXPORT FACILITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

APHIS inspection and approval of an aquatic animal facility through the APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility program may be required prior to the export of live aquatic animals to certain destination countries.

How do I know if APHIS Registration is required for my facility?

To determine if APHIS Registration is required for export of live aquatic animals to a specific destination country, refer to the [USDA APHIS International Regulations \(IRegs\) for Animal Exports](#) home page for each country to which you wish to export. If registration is required, you will see the following notation:

“APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility approval is required”

How to become (or renew) an APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility

1. Contact your [APHIS VS Endorsement Office](#) serving your state.
 - a. Provide the following information: name, address of the facility, countries to which the facility is seeking approval for export, species to be exported.
2. Your [Endorsement Office](#) will coordinate a facility inspection by an APHIS Veterinarian.
 - a. The APHIS Veterinarian will visit the facility, review the facility’s biosecurity practices, records management, and animal health surveillance during the site inspection.
 - b. If the facility meets all requirements for the destination countries/species of interest for export, the APHIS Veterinarian will recommend approval.
 - c. APHIS Hourly User Fees for this inspection and document review will apply.
3. Your [Endorsement Office](#) will then issue an Approval Letter, valid for one year, which is specific for the approved countries of destination and the species for export.

How to Update an Existing APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility Approval

If your facility wishes to update any of the following information, please contact your [Endorsement Office](#), as it may have an impact on your facility approval:

- Species for which the facility would like to be approved to export
- Countries of destination to which you wish to export
- If any of the facility’s practices/operating procedures have changed
- Any changes to the laboratory or test methods used for pre-export testing
- Contact information (including facility name, phone numbers, or email addresses)