INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE in the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)

of Aquarium/Outdoor holding units-private/commercial Aquatic Animals from the United States of America to Canada

To generate electronic health certificate through the Veterinary Export Health Certificate System visit https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/

EXPORT AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Verify that the certificate below is the appropriately negotiated export aquatic animal health certificate for the consignment by verifying the end use in the title of the certificate with the requested end use by the exporter.

Create a certificate "without a template".

Destination Country: Select Canada from the drop down menu.

Commodity Type: For commodity select "Aquatic Animal" from the drop down menu.

Intended Use: "Aquarium/Outdoor holding units- private/commercial", is the only option at this time and will self populate.

Type of Admission: Select "Permanent Import" from the drop down menu.

Commodity Origin Information: Insert or write the name and address of the origin which may be the same as, the Consignor.

Inspection Date: Insert or write date of accredited veterinarian inspection; mm/dd/yyyy.

Name and Address of the Consignor: Insert or write the name and address of the Consignor of the shipment in the space provided. This information can be added and saved for later use in future certificates.

Name and Address of Consignee: Insert or write the name and address of the consignee and premises (if address is different than consignee) to which the exported animals will be going to in Canada in the space provided. This information can be added and saved for later use in future certificates.

Country of Origin: USA will self populate.

State of Origin: Select the appropriate state from the drop down menu of production/origin.

Accredited Veterinarian: Select the name from the drop down menu of the issuing veterinarian.

Zone Of Destination: Leave blank, currently no zone established for this end use.

Place of Origin: Insert or write the name and address of the premises of origin of the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada in the space provided.

Export and Shipping:
Port of Embarkation / Border Crossing: Select first port of embarkation or crossing.

Estimated Date of Shipment: Insert or write date; mm/dd/yyyy.

Means of Transport: Select the means of transport from the drop down menu (truck, train, airplane or other means of transport).

Means of Transportation Identification: Write the flight number and conveyance identification.

Number of Containers: Insert number and select type below; for aquatic animals for this end-use, select "Boxes" from the drop down menu.

Indentification/Seal Number: If applicable, insert or write the appropriate value. May be left blank if not applicable.

Description of Commodity: Commodity table Template select "Canada- Aquatic Animals", and "Apply".

- NOTE: "Data Type", text is selected and should not be changed. Table is already configured with maximum characters (20 or 80), this information does not need to be adjusted. Also, no columns should ever be deleted. Missing information will cause delays in the endorsement process.

Next select "Create Table".

- Enter number of rows of data, one row per commodity species and select "Generate Rows"
- Enter commodity information;

Identification of Commodities (Table)

- Determine if the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada require export certification by reviewing *Canada's List of Susceptible Species and Associated Diseases of Concern* found at the following link: http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/aquatic-animals/diseases/susceptible-species/eng/1327162574928/1327162766981

  (a) denotes for "Species (scientific name)" and "susceptible diseases", the commodity table should include CFIA's regulated species and the diseases they are susceptible to.
- In the appropriate columns, insert or write the quantity (total # of animals) or total weight in kg, the lot identifier or date code (ie. animal group identification), and the life stage (eg. egg, larvae, seed, fry, adult).
- In the appropriate column, write if the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada are

from a cultured or wild source.

- For large shipments of multiple species a packing list may be included and an attachment

Certification Statements: Enter statements and check the box and click "next".

Instruction: For this section of the Export Health Certificate, the following activities must be completed to ensure that Canada's import requirements are met:

The negotiated attestations for aquatic animals for the end use of Aquarium/Outdoor holding units-private/commercial are:

Zoosanitary Information

1. **The animals on this certificate are included on CFIA Import #:_____**

   Instruction: CFIA Import # must be included at first attestation.

2. **The population(s) to be exported has(have) been present on the premises for at least 7 days prior to export and not experienced anyunexplained morbidityor mortalityevents during that time. Exports of aquatic animal populations to Canada cannot occur until the 7 day period of time is completed.**

   Instruction: Review the exporting premises' records or discuss with the producer for verification that the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada have not experienced any unusual morbidity or mortality events or clinical signs due to infectious diseases within 7 days prior to export. If there has been unexplained morbidity or mortality events or clinical signs of disease that could be attributed to infectious diseases, then the aquatic animals are not eligible for export. Ensure that the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada have been at the exporting premises for at least a 7 day period prior to export. If the aquatic animals have not been present on the exporting premises for at least a 7 day period prior to export, then the aquatic animals are not eligible for export.

   Also if a notifiable disease(s) is (are) suspected, notify the APHIS Area Veterinary in Charge (AVIC), who will investigate further.

3. **The aquatic animal(s) are of US origin or were legallyimported and are not under any restriction by USDA-APHIS or intended for destruction or slaughter for disease control purposes.**

   Instruction: Review the exporting premises' production and invoice records or discuss with the producer for verification that the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada were born in the United States of America or where legally imported into the United States of America. If animals were legally imported, customs documents should be reviewed, recorded and made available upon request. Contact USDA-APHIS to verify that there are no restrictions placed on the exporting premises or larger region or zone in which the premises is located and/or the aquatic animals are not or intended for destruction or slaughter for disease control purposes for the diseases listed in the Identification of Commodities table on page 2 of the export health certificate.

4. **To the best of myknowledge, the aquatic animals to be exported are not exposed to anyother animals or water of lesser health status. Onlywater from this premise(s) of the same health status is used in this shipment.**

   Instruction: Discuss with the producer for verification that the animals to be exported to Canada have not come into direct or indirect contact (example via shared water and/or equipment) with aquatic animals of lesser health status. Verify that the water used for export to Canada is the same as what is housing the animals at the exporting premises or is from a source that has the same or better zoosanitary health status as the exporting premises.

5. **Animals have been inspected within 96 hours prior to export on the date of signature and appear to be free of the diseases listed in Identification of Commodities and, to the best of myknowledge, exposure thereto.**

   Instruction: Inspect the aquatic animals to be exported at the exporting premises for clinical signs of disease within 96 hours prior to export to Canada. If the aquatic animals appear to have clinical signs of disease or there are unexplained morbidities or mortalities, then the aquatic animals are not eligible for export.

An investigation into the clinical signs of disease or unexplained morbidities or mortalities may be undertaken by USDA-APHIS or appropriate state officials. Export of the aquatic animals may occur once an investigation is completed to determine that the cause of the unexplained morbidities or mortalities and/or clinical signs of disease are not due to any of Canada's diseases of concern and all corrective actions are taken to ensure the above conditions are satisfied.

Packaging and Shipping Information

1. **The aquatic animals must be packaged in shipping containers, holding units and/or conveyances that are either new or cleaned and disinfected.**

   Instruction: Review the exporting premises records or discuss with the producer for verification that the shipping containers, holding units and/or conveyances are new or cleaned and disinfected.

2. **The shipping containers and/or holding units must prevent release of the shipping contents (eg. Water or animals) while en route.**

   Instruction: Inspect the shipping containers and/or holding units for export to ensure that they are in a condition that will prevent release of the shipping contents, water or animals, while en route.

3. **The aquatic animal(s) being presented for importation must be packaged in a manner which prevents contact or exchange of animals or water between different shipments of aquatic animals on the same conveyance.**

   Instruction: Review the exporting premises' procedures for packaging of the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada to ensure that the packaging will prevent contact or exchange of animals or water between different shipments of aquatic animals on the same conveyance.

4. **The package was labeled indicating the detailed contents, including the location in which the aquatic animal(s) was born, the taxonomic name of the aquatic animal(s), whether the aquatic animal(s) was(were) wild or farmed, and the number or biomass of the aquatic animal(s) in the shipment.**

   Instruction: Inspect the labels or review the procedure for labeling and a sample of the labels of the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada in order to verify that the information above is being included on the labels. Ask for a sample copy of the label to verify as required.

Signatures and Endorsement

APHIS accredited veterinarians will sign electronically in the VEHC system.

APHIS Veterinary Medical Officers will verify the correct completion of the health certificate and the official USDA stamp.

Attachments: For large shipments of multiple species a packing list may be included and an attachment

Summary/ Summit Page: Upper right hand corner, "View Certificate Draft", allows draft of export certificate to be viewed. Review and edit information as necessary.

Note: Select both boxes at bottom of page, including upload of laboratory results, even if laboratory results are not required as is the case for "Aquarium/Outdoor holding units-private/commercial Aquatic Animals"

Useful Tools: Select "Save as Work in Progress" on each screen, so information is retained.

Following Submission you will have the option to save this certificate as a template.

Model Certificate Below.

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of
Aquarium/Outdoor holding units-private/commercial from the United States of America to Canada

Veterinary Authority	Date Of Issue	Certificate Number
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		

1. Consignor:

2. Consignee:

3. Country Of Origin:
USA

4. State Of Origin:

5. Country Of Destination:
Canada

6. Zone Of Destination:
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7. Place Of Origin:

8. Port Of Embarkation / Border Crossing:

9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:
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10. Means Of Transport:

11. **********
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12. CITES Permit Number:
********** **********

13. Description Of Commodity:
Aquatic Animals

14. Date Of Inspection:
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15. Total Quantity:

16. Additional Information:
(See attached Additional Information)

17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers:
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18. Identification / Seal Numbers:
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19. Commodities Intended Use:
Aquarium/Outdoor holding units-private/commercial

20. Type Of Admission:
Permanent Import

21. Identification Of Commodities:

(See attached Identification Of Commodities)
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Additional Information: Continued

Identification Of Commodities: Continued

Row	(a)Species (scientific name)	Common Name	Quantity/Total Weight (kg)	Lot Identifier/Date Code	Life Stage	(a)Susceptible Disease(s)	Culture/ Wild
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Certification Statements:

(a) The commodity table should include CFIA regulated species and the diseases they are susceptible to.

I, the undersigned, declare and certify that the live aquatic animals described above and intended for aquarium private, aquarium commercial, outdoor holding unit private and/or outdoor holding unit commercial satisfy the following requirements:

The aquatic animals on this certificate are included on CFIA Import Permit #:_____

Zoosanitary Information

1. The population(s) to be exported has(have) been present on the premises for at least 7 days prior to export and not experienced any unexplained morbidity or mortality events during that time. Exports of aquatic animal populations to Canada cannot occur until the 7 day period of time is completed.

2. The aquatic animal(s) are of US origin or were legally imported and are not under any restriction by USDA-APHIS or intended for destruction or slaughter for disease control purposes.

3. To the best of my knowledge, the aquatic animals to be exported are not exposed to any other animals or water of lesser health status. Only water from this premise(s) of the same health status is used in this shipment.

4. Animals have been inspected within 7 days prior to export on the date of signature and appear to be free of the diseases listed in Identification of Commodities and, to the best of my knowledge, exposure thereto.

Packaging and Shipping Information

1. The aquatic animals must be packaged in shipping containers, holding units and/or conveyances that are either new or cleaned and disinfected.

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3. The aquatic animal(s) being presented for importation must be packaged in a manner which prevents contact or exchange of animals or water between different shipments of aquatic animals on the same conveyance.

4. The package was labeled indicating the detailed contents, including the location in which the aquatic animal(s) was born, the taxonomic name of the aquatic animal(s), whether the aquatic animal(s) was(were) wild or farmed, and the number or biomass of the aquatic animal(s) in the shipment.

Name of Accredited Veterinarian	Name of USDA Veterinarian
Signature of Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of USDA Veterinarian
Date	Date

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