

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR COMMERCIAL
ZOOLOGICAL/CAPTIVE BRED RODENTS FOR
EXPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT NO: _____
 RESPONSIBLE VETERINARY AUTHORITY: USDA, Animal and Plant Health Services (APHIS)
 ISSUING VETERINARY AUTHORITY: USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services (VS)

A. DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT

1) Number and identification of Rodents:

	SPECIES	SEX	AGE	MICROCHIP/EAR TAG NO	Location of microchip/ear tag
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

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2) **Origin of Rodents**

2.1) Name and address of Consignor: _____
 2.2) Address and number of the veterinary approved premises of origin:

3) **Destination of Rodents**

3.1) Name and address of Consignee: _____
 3.2) Means of transport (flight no/vessel name): _____
 3.3) Address of premises at final destination:

B. HEALTH ATTESTATION

The undersigned USDA Accredited Veterinarian certify that the rodents described in section A above:

- 1) Have been resident in licensed or registered zoos or wildlife parks in the United States for at least 12 months immediately before export, or since birth.
- 2) Have been individually identified with a unique alphanumeric code, permanently applied to the animals by means of a transponder (microchip), or by means of an ear tag with a unique number. All identification numbers should be stated in this certificate (Section A.1).
- 3) Originate from an area not under veterinary restrictions for any notifiable diseases to which rodents or lagomorphs are susceptible.
- 4) Have been held under veterinary supervision for a period of at least 30 days in a veterinary approved pre-export quarantine (PEQ) that:
 - 4.1) has a health-monitoring program. During this time it has been isolated from animals not of the same certifiable health status, and housed in accommodation which precluded access by animals and was screened to prevent insect entry.
 - 4.2) remained free from signs of infectious and contagious diseases.
 - 4.3) has been free of rabies, tularaemia, viral haemorrhagic disease of rabbits, myxomatosis, arenavirus infections (lymphocytic choriomeningitis, American haemorrhagic fevers, Lassa fever), hantavirus, plague (*Yersinia pestis*), surra, and salmonellosis for the last 6 months.

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- 4.4) is situated at least 10 km from any outbreak of rabies, tularaemia, myxomatosis, arenavirus infections (lymphocytic choriomeningitis, American haemorrhagic fevers, Lassa fever), hantavirus, plague (*Yersinia pestis*), surra, lymphocytic choriomeningitis and viral haemorrhagic disease of rabbits occurring during the 6 months prior to export.
 - 4.5) has been free of toxoplasmosis and babesiosis during the last 12 months.
 - 4.6) has been free of bovine tuberculosis (*M. bovis*) for 3 years prior to export.
- 5) Originated from a zoo located in a part of a country free from hantavirus OR tested negative for these diseases not less than 14 days after the commencement of PEQ.
 - 6) Originates from the United States which has been free of Rift Valley Fever, during the last 48 months.
 - 7) Were treated for endoparasites during the first seven (7) days of the PEQ, using parasiticides effective against nematodes, cestodes and trematodes, AND tested by appropriate parasitological techniques 7-14 days later. The animals were re-treated if there was evidence of parasites.
 - 8) Were treated twice during the PEQ at an interval of 14 at least days for ectoparasites using parasiticides effective against ticks (*Amblyomma spp*), mites and lice.

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- 9) Will be examined by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian within 72 hours prior to leaving the PEQ premises for the port of embarkation, and only those animals found free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases to which the species is susceptible, free of internal and external parasites, and fit to travel will be permitted for export to South Africa.
- 10) Will be loaded under the USDA Accredited Veterinarian supervision into new or suitably disinfected crates that are screened to prevent insect entry, which satisfy IATA regulations, and crates sealed.

USDA seal numbers ⁽²⁾: _____

Name of USDA Accredited Veterinarian	Name of APHIS Veterinarian
Signature of USDA Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of APHIS Veterinarian
Date of Issuance ⁽³⁾	Date of Endorsement

Official stamp

- (1) The certificate number must appear on all pages of the certificate
- (2) Should it become necessary, due to animal welfare reasons, for the seal(s) of the consignment to be broken while in transit, it must be done under official supervision. Animals may not have contact with any other rodents/animals of a lesser health status while the seal is broken and must remain under official supervision until re-sealed. An attestation by the official under whose supervision the breaking of the seals occurred must be appended to the Veterinary Health Certificate. Such an attestation should clearly state the reasons for breaking the seals, confirm the new seal numbers and should verify that the health status of the animals were maintained/not compromised during the period which the consignment was not sealed.
- (3) Certificate is valid for entry to South Africa for 10 days from the date of issuance.