

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE**  
**OF LIVE ORNAMENTAL AQUATIC ANIMALS INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM**  
**USE IN CLOSED PREMISES IN CANADA**

**EXPORT AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

(1) 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.

(2) Insert or write the Canadian Import Permit No. in the upper right hand corner of the certificate which is located on the first page of the export certificate.

**Instructions for completing Section 1 of the Export Health Certificate**

**(1) Name and Address of the Consignor:** Insert or write the name and address of the Consignor of the shipment in the space provided.

**(2) Name and Address of the Premises 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.

**Instructions for completing Section 2 of the Export Health Certificate**

**(1) Name and Address of Consignee (Closed premises):** Insert or write the name and address of the consignee and closed premises (if different) to which the exported animals will be going to in Canada in the space provided.

**Instructions for completing Section 3 of the Export Health Certificate**

**(1) Transport means and conveyance identification:** Insert or write the means of transport (truck, train, airplane or other means of transport), the flight number.

**Instructions for completing Section 4 of the Export Health Certificate**

**(1)** Determine if the aquatic animals to be exported from Canada are from a Cultured or Wild source or from Both sources and place a check mark in the appropriate box.

**(2)** For the species taxonomic name and common name and the diseases to which the species is susceptible, follow the link:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/aquatic-animals/diseases/susceptible->

[species/eng/1327162574928/1327162766981](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/species/eng/1327162574928/1327162766981)

and insert or write in this information in the appropriate column of the table in Section 4.

**(3)** 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 columns. For large shipments of multiple species a packing list may be included.

## **Instructions for completing Section 5 of the Export Health Certificate**

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 the End Use of Aquarium – Commercial (Closed Premises) are:**

- 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.**

*Instruction:* Review the records or discuss with producer for verification that there have not been any unusual mortality or clinic signs due to infectious disease that occurred within the 7 days. If there have been explained morbidity or mortality events that could be attributed to infectious diseases, then the animals will not be exported. Also if notifiable disease(s) is (are) suspected, notify the APHIS Area Veterinary in Charge (AVIC), who will investigate further. Also ensure that if the aquatic animals to be exported to Canada have been at the premises for at least a seven day period before they are shipped. If they have not, the shipment cannot be exported.

- 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.**

*Instruction:* Review the invoice records or discuss with producer for verification of when the aquatic animals arrived in the United States of America. If animals are imported, customs documentations should be recorded and made available upon request. If necessary contact USDA-APHIS to verify that there are no restrictions placed on the premises or larger region or zone in which the premises are located, for the diseases listed in Section 4 and/or are not 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.**

*Instruction:* Ensure that the animals to be exported have not come into direct or indirect contact (example via shared water and equipment) with aquatic animals of lesser health status than those being certified for export to Canada. Verify that the water used for export to Canada is the same as what is housing the animals at the premises itself or is from a source that has the same or better zoosanitary health status as the premises of origin.

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

*Instruction:* While at the premises of origin, inspect the aquatic animals for clinical signs of disease within 7 days prior to their being exported to Canada. If the aquatic animals appear to have signs of illness or there are unexplained mortalities, then they are not eligible until investigation is complete. The export must not occur until the investigation is completed to determine the cause of the unexplained mortality or illness, 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 premises management 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:* During the 7 day inspection of the premises of origin, 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:* While at the premises of origin, review the procedures of the premises for the packaging of the aquatic animals being 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. **I the undersigned ensure that 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:* While at the premises of origin, inspect the labels or review the procedure for labeling and a sample of the labels of the aquatic animals being 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 sign in an ink color (e.g., blue) different from the form. Include address and date of inspection.**

**An APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer, will verify the correct completion of the health certificate and the NVAN prior to endorsing the certificate with the official USDA stamp.**

Export Certificate Reference N°: \_\_\_\_\_  
Canadian Import Permit N°: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORIGINAL**

**AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

**FOR THE EXPORT OF LIVE ORNAMENTAL AQUATIC ANIMALS INTENDED FOR  
COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM USE IN CLOSED PREMISES IN CANADA**

**NOTE: THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TO BE USED FOR IN TRANSIT SHIPMENTS**

**SECTION 1 - ORIGIN OF AQUATIC ANIMALS**

State/Territory and Country of Export: \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Authority: **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Animal Plant Health Inspection  
Service (APHIS)**

Name and Address of Consignor:

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Name and Address of Premises of Origin:

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**SECTION 2 - DESTINATION OF AQUATIC ANIMALS**

Country of Destination: **CANADA**

Name and Address of Consignee (Closed Premises):

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**SECTION 3 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Transport means and identification: \_\_\_\_\_  
(flight # , etc.)

**SECTION 4 - DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT)**

Cultured<sup>1</sup>    Wild    Both

Species (scientific name)	Common name	Quantity or total weight (kg)	Lot identifier or date code	Lifestage	Disease(s) to which species is susceptible

<sup>1</sup> Cultured<sup>1</sup> refers to the keeping of live aquatic animals with some method of intervention in the rearing process such as feeding, seeding or protecting from predators.

**SECTION 5 - HEALTH INFORMATION**

I, the undersigned, declare and certify that the live aquatic animals described intended for closed ornamental premises above satisfy the following requirements:

**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 in Section 4 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.
2. The shipping containers and/or holding units must prevent release of the shipping contents (eg. 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.
4. I the undersigned ensure that 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.

APHIS accredited veterinarian name and address  
Veterinarian

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Date and signature of APHIS Accredited

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National Veterinary Accreditation N<sup>o</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal endorsing official name and address  
official

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Date and signature of Federal endorsing

Official Stamp: