



SUBJECT: Reminder of *Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination* form

Dear USDA-accredited veterinarians,

On behalf of CDC, we would like to remind you that new requirements for dogs entering the United States went into effect on August 1, 2024. Information for veterinarians, dog owners, and other importers can be found on CDC's website: www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs.

The *Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination* form is **required for the importation (re-entry)** of U.S.-vaccinated dogs that have been in countries with high risk of dog-maintained rabies virus variants ([DMRVV high-risk countries](#)) within 6 months before re-entry into the United States. Veterinarians must submit the form to USDA for endorsement **before the dog departs** the United States. The form must be endorsed by USDA before it can be used for the dog to re-enter the United States.

[Instructions](#) for USDA-accredited veterinarians completing the *Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination* form are available on CDC's website. USDA-accredited veterinarians must submit the form electronically to USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) for endorsement via the [Veterinary Export Health Certification System](#) (VEHCS system). Again, this must be submitted for USDA endorsement **before the dog departs** the United States. We appreciate your partnership and are happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,

Zoonoses Prevention and Import Regulations Team, CDC