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Export Live Animals to European Union

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For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature **ACCEPTED**

For APHIS VMO: Original ink endorsement **REQUIRED**

USDA-accredited veterinarians can electronically issue health certificates and use VEHCS (Veterinary Export Health Certification System) to submit them to USDA for endorsement.

USDA must ink-sign and emboss the health certificate.

What This Means for You

Accredited Veterinarians: Use the links below to access or get help with VEHCS. Learn more about [how to issue export health certificates](#).

Animal Owners/Shippers: You can arrange to have your health certificate returned by mail (a prepaid, preaddressed return label must be provided during

certificate submission). The endorsed health certificate—ink-signed and embossed—must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

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The Member States of the European Union (EU) are: [Austria](#), [Belgium](#), [Bulgaria](#), [Croatia](#), [Cyprus](#), the [Czech Republic](#), [Denmark](#), [Estonia](#), [Finland](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Greece](#), [Hungary](#), the [Republic of Ireland](#), [Italy](#), [Latvia](#), [Lithuania](#), [Luxembourg](#), [Malta](#), the [Netherlands](#), [Poland](#), [Portugal](#), [Romania](#), [Slovakia](#), [Slovenia](#), [Spain](#), [Sweden](#). [Post-Brexit, [Great Britain](#) no longer follows EU legislation and has its own export health certificates.]

Bilingual health certificates are available for some species/commodities. Please refer to the link for the individual Member State for available bilingual health certificates. It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain a bilingual certificate if it is not available on the Member State link.

Health Certificates

Some of the health certificates posted below have had non-relevant statements removed (rather than lined out) as allowable in EU legislation. This is strictly to simplify/shorten the documents.

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Relevant Animal Health Law Regulations

As of April 2021, the EU has updated all harmonized animal health certificates in accordance with the [Animal Health Law](#). Relevant regulations are posted below for reference.

- [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/429](#) is the overarching ‘Animal Health Law.’ - April 2021
- [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/692](#) is the main regulation dealing with entry of live animals and germinal products into the European Union from third countries. - February 2023

- [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/686](#) contains information on germinal products (semen and embryos). Please note only portions of this regulation are relevant when referenced in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 or applicable health certificates - April 2021
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/160](#) contains the minimum frequency of inspections for germinal product establishments in Article 4. - February 2022
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2235](#) contains general instructions for completing Part I of the health certificates in Chapter 4 of Annex I - January 2023
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1882](#) contains listed diseases and species, as well as disease categories (A-E) - July 2022
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/404](#) contains the lists of commodities the United States is permitted to export to the EU - January 2023
- [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2021/620](#) contains lists of countries and zones in the EU that are free of or have centrally approved eradication programs for certain diseases - January 2023
- [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2021/260](#) contains lists of countries and zones in the EU that have national eradication measures or freedom from certain diseases of aquatic animals - July 2022

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Horses/Equine (Live and Germplasm)

Note: [Establishment Lists - TRACES NT \(europa.eu\)](#) [Select “United States (US)” in the Countries bar at the top; then select “Germinal Products” for the Chapter; then view the relevant list with the eye icon or the down arrow (download) icon on the right.]

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Live Horses

Note: All establishments of origin for live equines must be registered with USDA APHIS. Please contact the relevant [Veterinary Export Trade Services \(VETS\) Endorsement Office](#) to inquire how to register an establishment.

- [EQUI-X \(Chapter 13\)](#) (269.07 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of domestic equidae not intended for slaughter - August 2024
 - **Note:** All live horses certificates (Equi-X) – must either delete section II.6 or cross out the whole section. Either option is acceptable. However, do not remove footnote 10, which specifies that section II.6 is not required to be used until 2026. Please let us know if any Member State asks the exporter to use the section, as the European Commission provided the guidance mentioned above.

Note for Accredited Veterinarians and Exporters: Make sure that you have evidence that registered horses traveling to the EU have been in an establishment under the supervision of an official veterinarian as indicated in requirement II.3.2 of the Equi-X certificate when transiting through the United States less than 30 days prior to export.

- [EQUI-RE-ENTRY -30 \(Chapter 15\)](#) (198.99 KB) - Health certificate and model declaration for the re-entry into the Union of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export for a period of not more than 30 days - August 2024
- [EQUI-RE-ENTRY -90-COMP \(Chapter 16\)](#) (209.66 KB)- Health certificate and model declaration applicable to re-entry into the Union of registered horses for competition after temporary export for a period of not more than 90 days to participate in equestrian events organised under the auspices of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) - August 2024
- [EQUI-RE-ENTRY-90-RACE \(Chapter 17\)](#) (207.72 KB)- Health certificate and model declaration applicable to re-entry into the Union of registered horses for racing after temporary export for a period of not more than 90 days to participate in specific race events in Australia, Canada, the United States of America, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates or Qatar - August 2024
- [Addendum for Horses Exported to EU from the United States, Staying Less than 60 days in the EU, with Subsequent Direct Travel to Canada](#) (46.46 KB) - April

Equine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Semen Collection Center \(SCC\)](#) (364.13 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [EQUI-SEM-A-ENTRY](#) (204.7 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024
- **New** [EQUI-SEM-B-ENTRY](#) (213.85 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021, and dispatched after 20 April 2021 from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024
- **New** [EQUI-SEM-C-ENTRY](#) (208.62 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014, and dispatched after 20 April 2021 from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024
- **New** [EQUI-SEM-D-ENTRY](#) (174.31 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 1 September 2010 and dispatched after 20 April 2021 from an approved semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024

Equine-Embryos-Dispatch by Embryo Collection and Production Team

1. [**EQUI-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY**](#) (252.38 KB)- Chapter 63: Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, dispatched by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced - August 2024
2. [**EQUI-OOCYTES-EMB-B-ENTRY**](#) (242.11 KB)- Chapter 64: Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced - August 2024
3. [**EQUI-OOCYTES-EMB-C-ENTRY**](#) (234.96 KB) - Chapter 65: Model animal health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014, dispatched after 20 April 2021 by the embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced - August 2024

Equine - Germinal Products (Semen/Embryos/Oocytes) - Dispatched from Germinal Product Storage Center or Germinal Product Processing Establishment

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Germinal Product Storage \(GPS\) Center](#) (229.01 KB) - February 2023

[Inspection Document for Germinal Product Processing \(GPP\) Establishment](#) (232.55 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [EQUI-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY](#) (208.48 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched

after 20 April 2021 from a germinal product storage centre - August 2024:

- semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021;
- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014;
- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 1 September 2010;
- oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014.

- **New** [EQUI-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY](#) (184.92 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from a germinal product processing establishment - August 2024

- semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021;
- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014;

- stocks of semen of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 1 September 2010;
- oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 30 September 2014 and before 21 April 2021;
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of equine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC after 31 August 2010 and before 1 October 2014.

Owner Declaration Note: Based on the II.1.4 statement in the health certificates for live horses the written declaration signed by the operator must be attached to the health certificate. Therefore, USDA will withhold endorsement if the declaration is not included with the certificate when it is submitted for endorsement.

Cattle/Bovine (Germplasm)

Note: [Establishment Lists - TRACES NT \(europa.eu\)](#) [Select “United States (US)” in the Countries bar at the top; then select “Germinal Products” for the Chapter; then view the relevant list with the eye icon or the down arrow (download) icon on the right.]

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Bovine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Semen Collection Center \(SCC\)](#) (364.13 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [BOV-SEM-A-ENTRY](#) (259.82 KB)(Chapter 39) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024
- **New** [BOV-SEM-B-ENTRY](#) (192.15 KB)(Chapter 40) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC, as amended by Council Directive 2003/43/EC, after 31 December 2004 and before 21 April 2021, and entered into the Union after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024
- **New** [BOV-SEM-C-ENTRY](#) (196.15 KB) (Chapter 41) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored before 1 January 2005 in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC applying until 1 July 2004, and entered into the Union after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024

Bovine - Embryos - Dispatched by Embryo Collection or Production Team

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Embryo Collection Team \(ECT\)](#) (232.99 KB) - February 2023

[Inspection Document for Embryo Production Team \(EPT\)](#) (239.96 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [BOV-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY \(Chapter 42\)](#) (225.52 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of oocytes and embryos of bovine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, and dispatched by an embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced - August 2024
- **New** [BOV-in-vivo-EMB-B-ENTRY \(Chapter 43\)](#) (186.72 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of stocks of *in vivo* derived embryos of bovine animals

collected, processed and stored before 21 April 2021 in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC, and entered into the Union after 20 April 2021, and dispatched by an embryo collection team by which the embryos were collected - August 2024

- **New** [BOV-in-vitro-EMB-C-ENTRY \(Chapter 44\)](#) (233.68 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored before 21 April 2021 in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC, conceived using semen complying with requirements of Council Directive 88/407/EEC, and entered into the Union after 20 April 2021, and dispatched by an embryo production team by which the embryos were produced - August 2024
- **New** [BOV-in-vitro-EMB-D-ENTRY \(Chapter 45\)](#) (211.08 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored before 21 April 2021 in accordance with Council Directive 89/556/EEC, conceived using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved by the competent authority of the exporting country, and entered into the Union after 20 April 2021, and dispatched by an embryo production team by which the embryos were produced - August 2024

Bovine - Germinal Products (Semen/Embryos/Oocytes) - Dispatched from Germinal Product Storage Center or Germinal Product Processing Establishment

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Germinal Product Storage \(GPS\) Center](#) (229.01 KB) - February 2023

[Inspection Document for Germinal Product Processing \(GPP\) Establishment](#) (232.55 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [BOV-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY \(Chapter 47\)](#) (204.25 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product storage centre - August 2024:

- semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
 - stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC, as amended by Council Directive 2003/43/EC, before 21 April 2021 and after 31 December 2004;
 - stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored before 1 January 2005 in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC applying until 1 July 2004;
 - oocytes and embryos of bovine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
 - stocks of *in vivo* derived embryos of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021;
 - stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen complying with requirements of Council Directive 88/407/EEC;
 - stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved by the competent authority of the exporting country
- **New** [BOV-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY \(Chapter 46\)](#) (205.06 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from a germinal product processing establishment - August 2024:
 - semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
 - stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC, as amended by Council Directive 2003/43/EC, before 21 April 2021 and after 31 December 2004;
 - stocks of semen of bovine animals collected, processed and stored before 1 January 2005 in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC applying

until 1 July 2004;

- oocytes and embryos of bovine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of *in vivo* derived embryos of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021;
- stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen complying with requirements of Council Directive 88/407/EEC;
- stocks of *in vitro* produced embryos of bovine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 89/556/EEC before 21 April 2021, conceived using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved by the competent authority of the exporting country.

Sheep and Goats/Ovine and Caprine (Germplasm)

Note: [Establishment Lists - TRACES NT \(europa.eu\)](#) [Select “United States (US)” in the Countries bar at the top; then select “Germinal Products” for the Chapter; then view the relevant list with the eye icon or the down arrow (download) icon on the right.]

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Ovine/Caprine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

- **New** [OV/CAP-SEM-A-ENTRY \(Chapter 48\)](#) (222.89 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021, and dispatched from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024
- **New** [OV/CAP-SEM-B-ENTRY \(Chapter 49\)](#) (213.88 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of stocks of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021, and dispatched after 20 April 2021 from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024

Ovine/Caprine - Embryos - Dispatched by Embryo Collection Production Team

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Embryo Collection Team \(ECT\)](#) (232.99 KB) - February 2023

[Inspection Document for Embryo Production Team \(EPT\)](#) (239.96 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-A-ENTRY \(Chapter 50\)](#) (200 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021 and dispatched by an embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced - August 2024
- **New** [OV/CAP-OOCYTES-EMB-B-ENTRY \(Chapter 51\)](#) (208.4 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021 and dispatched by an embryo collection or production team by which the oocytes or embryos were collected or produced - August 2024

Ovine/Caprine - Germinal Products (Semen/Embryos/Oocytes) - Dispatched from Germinal Product Storage Center or Germinal Product Processing Establishment

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Germinal Product Storage \(GPS\) Center](#) (229.01 KB) -

February 2023

[Inspection Document for Germinal Product Processing \(GPP\) Establishment](#) (232.55

KB) - February 2023

- **New** [OV/CAP-GP-STORAGE-ENTRY \(Chapter 53 GPP\)](#) (201.78 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched from a germinal product storage centre - August 2024:
 - semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
 - stocks of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021;
 - oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
 - stocks of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021.
- **New** [OV/CAP-GP-PROCESSING-ENTRY \(Chapter 52 GPS\)](#) (201.53 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of germinal products listed below, dispatched after 20 April 2021 from the germinal product processing establishment - August 2024:
 - semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;

- stocks of semen of ovine and caprine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021;
- oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 after 20 April 2021;
- stocks of oocytes and embryos of ovine and caprine animals collected or produced, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 92/65/EEC before 21 April 2021.

Swine/Porcine (Live and Germplasm)

Note: [Establishment Lists - TRACES NT \(europa.eu\)](#) [Select “United States (US)” in the Countries bar at the top; then select “Germinal Products” for the Chapter; then view the relevant list with the eye icon or the down arrow (download) icon on the right.]

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Live Swine

- **New** [SUI-X](#) (241.7 KB)- Health certificate for the entry into the Union of porcine animals and animals of the family of Tayassuidae - August 2024

Swine - Semen - Dispatched from Semen Collection Center

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Semen Collection Center \(SCC\)](#) (364.13 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [POR-SEM-A-ENTRY \(Chapter 54\)](#) (187.27 KB)August 2024
- New** [POR-SEM-B-ENTRY \(Chapter 55\)](#) (223.62 KB) -Health certificate for the entry into the Union of consignments of stocks of semen of porcine animals collected, processed and stored in accordance with Directive 90/429/EEC before

21 April 2021, and dispatched after 20 April 2021 from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected - August 2024

Poultry

Note: Due to detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the United States, the following model certificates for poultry may not be able to be endorsed: HEP, DOC, POU-LT20, and HE-LT20. Contact the relevant [Veterinary Export Trade Services \(VETS\) Endorsement Office](#) if there is any question about restrictions on a specific shipment. Model SPF is not affected.

- [HEP](#) (247.65 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites - July 2024
- [DOC](#) (896.84 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of day-old chicks other than of ratites - July 2024

Note: Parts I and II of the day-old chick certificate must be issued by an accredited veterinarian within 10 days prior to export and must be endorsed by APHIS. Part III of the certificate must be issued on the day of hatch and does not need APHIS endorsement. The accredited veterinarian must apply a stamp to Part III containing his/her name, company name, and accreditation number. The original copy of Part III must be attached to Parts I and II of the certificate.

- [SPF](#) (187.31 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of specified pathogen-free eggs - July 2024
- [POU-LT20](#) (270.34 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of less than 20 heads of poultry other than ratites - July 2024
- [HE-LT20](#) (208.67 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of less than 20 hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites - July 2024

Birds (Non-Poultry)

Note- Inspection Document(s):

[Inspection Document for Captive Bird Establishment](#) (327.2 KB) - February 2023

- **New** [CAPTIVE- BIRDS](#) (192.95 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of captive birds other than racing pigeons immediately released after entry - August 2024
- **New** [HE - CAPTIVE BIRDS](#) (166.4 KB)- Health certificate for entry into the Union of hatching eggs of captive birds - August 2024

Note: “Captive birds” as per Article 4 of [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/429](#) means any non-poultry birds that are kept in captivity for any reason other than:

- for the production of meat, eggs for consumption, or other products;
- for the restocking supplies of game birds;
- for the purpose of breeding of birds used for the types of production referred to in the first two bullet points.
- "Captive birds" include those that are kept for shows, races, exhibitions, competitions, breeding or selling.

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Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

Listed Species

The following certificate must be used for aquatic animal species listed in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1882](#) (i.e., “listed species”) regardless of which EU country is the destination. APHIS Registered Aquaculture Export Facility [approval is required](#), when exporting listed species.

- [AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER](#) (265.43 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of aquatic animals intended for certain aquaculture establishments, for release into the wild, or for other purposes, excluding direct human consumption – January 2025
- [AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER WILD CAUGHT](#) (267.6 KB) – Pre-lined out Health certificate for the entry into the Union for WILD CAUGHT aquatic animals. – January 2025

- [AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER RESEARCH](#) (267.56 KB) – Pre-lined out Health certificate for the entry into the Union for RESEARCH. – January 2025

Relevant Resources Regarding the European Union’s Pathogens of Concern

- [EU Frequently Asked Questions](#) (211.53 KB)
- [EU Pathogens of Concern](#) (108.14 KB) - August 2025
- [Aquaculture Pathogens by EU Country](#) (69.5 KB)-August 2025

Unlisted Species

For aquatic animal species that are NOT listed in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1882](#) (i.e, “unlisted species”), requirements are determined by the importing country in the EU. The importer should request this information in writing from the government of the EU country of destination.

If the government officials of the importing country advise the use of the [AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER](#) (265.43 KB) certificate, the following modified version may be used:

- [AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER UNLISTED](#) (267 KB)- Modified Health certificate for species NOT listed in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1882](#). – January 2025

Note:

- APHIS does NOT list or validate these exporters in TRACES-NT.
- RAEF approval is not required to use this modified AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER UNLISTED certificate.
- This certificate is not the only certificate that can be used for unlisted species but is an option if the BCP or importing country advise the use of the AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER model certificate for export of an unlisted species.

Research/Laboratory Animals

- [CANIS-FELIS-FERRETS](#) (276.93 KB) - Health certificate for the entry into the Union of dogs, cats and ferrets - August 2024

Note: For research animals destined for confined establishments as defined in Article 4(48) of [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/429](#)

Other Animals

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If your species is not listed, the requirements for that species are not known. Exporters who want to ship livestock or germplasm whose requirements are not listed above should have the importer or buyer in the destination country apply for an import permit at the appropriate ministry. This import permit will most likely outline the specific requirements.

Need Help?

USDA-Accredited Veterinarians

Contact a USDA-accredited veterinarian for questions about your destination country's entry requirements for animals (including any needed vaccinations, tests, or treatments) and for issuance of health certificates.

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USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact your nearest APHIS Veterinary Export Trade Services Endorsement Office for questions about endorsing an export health certificate for live animals.

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