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# Export Live Animals to Gambia

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## Electronic Signature **ACCEPTED**; Original Ink Endorsement **REQUIRED**

**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.

Live Animal Export Country Requirements

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## Cattle

Import permits issued by the Department of Livestock Services (Veterinary Services and Competent Authority of the Gambia) are required.

**Note:** *Health certificates for live animals (does not include frozen germplasm) are required to be issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by APHIS within 72 hours of departure.*

- [Bovine - Embryos - Health Certificate](#) (162.28 KB) - March 2021
- [Bovine - Semen - Heath Certificate](#) (183.18 KB) - March 2021
- [Cattle - Health Certificate](#) (259.84 KB) - March 2021

## Poultry

The Gambia Veterinary Services Department of Livestock Services has confirmed that the VS Form 17-6, *Certificate for Poultry or Hatching Eggs for Export*, may be used for the export of U.S. poultry, day-old chicks and hatching eggs to the Gambia, with no additional certification statements in Item 13. "Remarks or Additional Information" of the certificate.

- [Poultry and Hatching Eggs - VS Form 17-6](#) (937.87 KB)

## Sheep and Goats

- [Sheep & Goats - Health Certificate - November 2024](#) (202.17 KB)
- [Small Ruminants - Embryos - November 2024](#) (225.74 KB)
- [Small Ruminants - Semen - November 2024](#) (212.35 KB)

## Other Animals

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## Summary of Requirements

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); issuance of health certificates; and status updates on certificate endorsement

[Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian](#)

Live Animal Industry Team

APHIS Veterinary Services' Industry Team offers commodity-specific expertise for live animal exports. Use the dropdown to contact us with questions about endorsing export health certificates.

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## Related Resources

- [Frequently Asked Questions About Live Animal Exports](#)
- [VEHCS Login](#)
- [National Veterinary Accreditation Program: Information for Veterinarians](#)
- [Role of the Accredited Veterinarian in International Animal Exports](#)

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## Tips for Exporters and Accredited Veterinarians

### Endorsement Services

- **No in-person or drop-off services.**
- For fastest processing, have your [accredited veterinarian](#) **submit certificates through [VEHCS](#).**
- Routine APHIS VEHCS processing services are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time (CT), excluding Federal holidays. The time listed in VEHCS reflects GMT.
- Paper certificates are discouraged but may be mailed to one of our two paper endorsement offices (see addresses below).

### Status Updates

Endorsement offices **cannot confirm delivery or provide status updates.** For updates:

- Contact your [accredited veterinarian](#) (they can check VEHCS status).
- Use your **mail tracking number.**

### Important Tips

- Ensure accuracy and submit documents as early as possible within the allowed timeline of the destination country to avoid delays.

- Use **overnight or Saturday delivery** when mailing.

## **Mailing Addresses**

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