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Export Live Animals to Korea

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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.

VEHCS Help | VEHCS Guide (7.58 MB) | VEHCS Login

Live Animal Export Country Requirements
Requirements

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Summary of Requirements

The posted health certificate templates/formats are required to be used.

Note: Multiple animals may be recorded on one health certificate.

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Equine

- Horses Competition Health Certificate (257.36 KB) January 2025
- Horses Protocol (135.48 KB) November 2015
- Horses Health Certificate (173.02 KB)
- Horses Appendix 1 ID Page (100.52 KB)

Note: For horses that are not microchipped

- Horses Appendices 2 and 3 EVA Vaccinated Horses (83.13 KB)
- Equine Semen Health Certificate (51.82 KB)

Note: Facility approval is required by Korean government.

Cattle

- Cattle Breeding Bulls Protocol (81.57 KB)
- <u>Cattle Breeding Bulls departing U.S. after February 6, 2023 Health Certificate</u> (168.41 KB)
- <u>Cattle Breeding Bulls departing U.S. before February 6, 2023 Health</u>
 <u>Certificate</u> (173.41 KB)

- Bovine Embryos MAFRA Notification No. 2015-9 Protocol (35.21 KB)
- Bovine Embryos Health Certificate (135.27 KB)

Note: Bovine Embryo Facilities/Teams must be APHIS approved and notified to Korea prior to export.

- Bovine Embryos Instructions to Create Health Certificate in VEHCS (79.03 KB)
- Bovine Semen Protocol (8.46 KB) August 2003
- Bovine Semen Health Certificate (107.66 KB)

Swine

Note: After arrival in the Republic of Korea, the swine will undergo a 15 day quarantine and novel influenza A (H1N1 and H3N2v) antigen testing. The sample health certificate posted below is required to be used.

Swine - Health Certificate (97.27 KB) - September 2014

Poultry

HPAI Guidance and Restrictions (October 2025)

- Poultry Poultry, Day-Old Chicks, and Hatching Eggs Protocol (407.9 KB) (November 2018)
- Poultry Day-Old Chicks Health Certificate (336.72 KB) (November 2018)

Note: VS Form 17-6 is not required.

- Poultry Hatching Eggs Health Certificate Ineligible
- Ratites Protocol (6.55 KB) (June 1999)
- Ratites Day-Old Chicks and Hatching Eggs Protocol (6.4 KB) (May 1999)

Birds (Non-Poultry)

• Pet Birds - Commercial - Health Certificate (49.91 KB)

Taking a Pet to Another Country?

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Aquaculture/Aquatic Animals

Note: According to the National Fishery Products Quarantine Management Service (NFQS) of the Republic of Korea, aquatic animals not included in the Disease List for Aquaculture Health Certificate below are not designated quarantine commodities and can be imported into Korea without health certificates.

Note: The National Fishery Products Quality Management Service (NFQS) of the Republic of Korea has informed APHIS that no species of living-modified (e.g., genetically modified) ornamental fish and salmonid fish (including eyed eggs) are permitted for import to Korea. Should imported U.S. origin aquatic animals be identified as LMOs through import quarantine procedure, the animals in question may be destroyed.

- Amphibians Health Certificate (175.32 KB)- July 2025
- <u>Aquatic Animals Health Certificate</u> (91.02 KB) February 2022 (also available within VEHCS)
- Aquaculture Disease List for Aquaculture Health Certificate (97.38 KB) March 2015

Research/Laboratory Animals

 Mice, Opossums, and Guinea Pigs - Laboratory - Protocol (31.5 KB) - January 2017

Other Animals

Note: No requirements for importation of reptiles, unless the species to be exported requires a CITES permit. If a CITES permit is needed, the importer should acquire an import permit from Korea's Ministry of Environment.

• Ferrets - Commercial - All - Health Certificate (107.67 KB) - June 2021

Note: A health certificate for this commodity can also be generated through the <u>Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)</u>. Commercial ferrets facilities must be APHIS approved and notified to Korea prior to export.

• Rabbits - Health Certificate (187.87 KB) - April 2021

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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.

Find a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian

USDA Endorsement Offices

Contact the appropriate email for questions about endorsing an export health certificate for live animals.

Pets - AskVETS@usda.gov

Livestock, including equine, poultry, and wildlife/zoo animals - LivestockExport@usda.gov

Semen, embryos - GermplasmExport@usda.gov

Aquaculture - VETS.RAEF@usda.gov

In-person appointments and drop-off endorsement services are **not** available. For best results, accredited veterinarians should submit certificates electronically through the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS).

For VEHCS help see the <u>VEHCS help page</u>. Routine APHIS VEHCS processing services are staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time (CT) excluding federal holidays, the time listed in VEHCS reflects GMT.



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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