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Export Live Animals to Kuwait

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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.

Summary of Requirements

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Equine

Note: For horses, an import permit is required from the Kuwait Animal Health Department, Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources and the import permit number should be written on the veterinary health certificate.

Note: Only stallions need EVA testing. All horses must be identified by a microchip and the microchip number should be written on the veterinary health certificate.

- [Horses - Health Certificate](#) (24.93 KB) - May 2012

Cattle

- [Cattle - Breeding - Health Certificate](#) (217.04 KB) - May 2024

Sheep and Goats

- [Sheep and Goats - Breeding - Health Certificate](#) (250.53 KB) - December 2019
- [Sheep and Goats - Slaughter- Health Certificate](#) (198.48 KB) - May 2024

Poultry

Note: For export of U.S. origin live birds, live poultry, hatching eggs, and day-old chicks to Kuwait, exporters should verify with the importer/importing officials that these commodities will be allowed entry into Kuwait prior to shipping.

For export of live birds, live poultry, hatching eggs, and day-old chicks from anywhere else in the United States to Kuwait: Exporters should verify with the importer/importing officials that these commodities will be allowed entry into Kuwait prior to shipping.

Birds (non-Poultry)

Note: Effective **October 8, 2018**, Kuwait has placed a temporary ban on the import of all kinds of live birds and poultry, hatching eggs, and day-old chicks from the State of California.

For export of live birds, live poultry, hatching eggs, and day-old chicks from anywhere else in the United States to Kuwait: Exporters should verify with the importer/importing officials that these commodities will be allowed entry into Kuwait prior to shipping.

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Other Animals

- [Turtles - Health Certificate](#) (220.19 KB) - July 2016

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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); 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.

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