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Export Live Animals to Sierra Leone

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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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Summary of Requirements

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Cattle

- [Cattle – Health Certificate](#) (275.52 KB) – October 2019
- [Bovine Embryos – Health Certificate](#) (203.68 KB) – October 2019
- [Bovine Semen – Health Certificate](#) (167.77 KB) – October 2019

Poultry

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Sierra Leone has confirmed acceptance of the VS Form 17-6, “Certificate for Poultry or Hatching Eggs for Export” for use in trade of U.S. origin poultry, hatching eggs and day-old chicks, with the addition of the following bilingual statement in section 13, “Remarks or Additional Information”:

The birds from which the poultry are derived were not raised or processed within a 10 km radius of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) / *Les volailles de proviennent d’oiseaux qui n’ont pas été élevés ou traités dans un rayon de 10 km de foyer d’influenza aviaire hautement pathogène (IAHP).*

Here is an example of a VS Form 17-6 for export of U.S. poultry to Sierra Leone:

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

Other Animals

Taking a Pet to Another Country?

[Visit Pet Travel](#)

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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