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Export Live Animals to Trinidad and Tobago

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For Accredited Veterinarians: Electronic signature ACCEPTED

For APHIS VMO: Digital endorsement ACCEPTED

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

USDA can digitally endorse the health certificate and return it electronically.

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: The endorsed health certificate can be printed out directly from VEHCS and does **not** have to be mailed back to you. The printed, endorsed health certificate must accompany the animal(s) during shipment or travel.

[VEHCS Help](#) | [VEHCS Guide](#) (7.58 MB) | [VEHCS Login](#)

Live Animal Export Country Requirements [View Requirements](#)

Summary of Requirements

Note: General information for **importing animals into** Trinidad and Tobago: All animals imported into Trinidad and Tobago require an import permit per shipment. All other animals not covered below will also require import permits. The application can be completed via telephone, email or written. The cost for each permit is \$10.00 TT dollars. All permits are valid for three months except for dogs and cats entering quarantine; these are valid for one month only.

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Cattle

- [Bovine - Embryos - Protocol](#) (11.99 KB) - January 1990
- [Bovine - Semen - Protocol](#) (8.15 KB) - February 1991 (guide)

Swine

- [Swine - Protocol](#) (4.53 KB) - October 1997

Poultry

Note: Effective April 24, 2024, Trinidad and Tobago will not accept live poultry shipments originating from or transiting through the 10km zone surrounding an HPAI detection. Regarding shipments of commodities for which certificates are under negotiation, exporters are advised to abide by the animal health standards as communicated via import permits issued by Trinidad & Tobago.

- Day-Old Ducklings - Protocol - *Under negotiation*
- Day-old chicks -Protocol - *Under negotiation*
- Chicken Hatching Eggs - Protocol - *Under negotiation*

Other Animals

Note: Importation of **wildlife, pet birds (including psittacine), ferrets, and hamsters** requires permission from Wildlife Division, telephone +1-868-662-5114. They will issue an approval which must be brought to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Office in order for an import permit to be issued.

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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 [VEHCS help page](#). 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.

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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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