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Animal Health Certification (Certificates of Veterinary Inspection)

Learning objectives

Describe the purpose of Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

Determine who is legally authorized to issue CVIs

Differentiate issuing domestic CVIs and international CVIs

Determine where to find the requirements needed to write health certificates (CVIs) for animals traveling interstate or internationally



Examples of wrecks

CDC Home

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People.™






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Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

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Rabies in a Dog Imported from Egypt with a Falsified Rabies Vaccination Certificate – Virginia, 2015

Weekly
December 18, 2015 / 64(49);1359-62

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Canine rabies virus variant has been eliminated in the United States and multiple other countries. Globally, however, dogs remain the principal source for human rabies infections (1). The World Health Organization recommends that when dogs cross international borders, national importing authorities should require an international veterinary certificate attesting that the animal did not show signs of rabies at the time of shipment, was permanently identified, vaccinated, or revaccinated, and had been subjected to a serologic test for rabies before shipment (1). On June 8, 2015, an adult female dog that had recently been picked up from the streets of Cairo, Egypt, and shipped by a U.S. animal rescue organization to the United States was confirmed to have rabies by the Virginia Department of General Services Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS). This dog was part of a large shipment of dogs and cats from Egypt that rescue organizations had distributed to multiple states for adoption. During the investigation, public health officials learned that the rabies vaccination certificate used for entry of the rabid dog into the United States had intentionally been falsified to avoid exclusion of the dog from entry under CDC's current dog importation regulations. This report underscores the ongoing risk posed by U.S. importation of domestic animals that have not been adequately vaccinated against rabies.



🏠 World Rabies Day

Feature

Prevent Rabies Around
the World +

Disease Detectives
Investigate —

Is That a Bat in Your
Salad?

**CDC Responds to a Case
of Rabies in an Imported
Dog**

PRR Investigates Case of

CDC Responds to a Case of Rabies in an Imported Dog

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In June 2021, CDC was notified about a dog in Pennsylvania that tested positive for rabies. The dog was among a group of 33 dogs and one cat imported into the U.S. from Azerbaijan by an animal rescue group. CDC coordinated a response to this case with multiple state health departments, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Public Health officials identified at least 19 people and 36 animals who were exposed to the rabid dog. Everyone in contact



Upcoming Events

Sunbelt Ag Expo – October 18-20

USDA GAP Certification:
Removing Barriers –
October 25

FREE BQA Training Offered
– October 26

Florida Forests Week
Landowner Workshop and
Mill Tour – October 26

Panhandle Cattlemen's
College – October 26-28

Cold Hardy Citrus Field Day
– October 27

APHIS Confirms New World Screwworm in Dade County Dog

by Doug Mayo | Jan 13, 2017 | Ag in the News, Beef Cattle, Dairy, Goats, Horse, Insects, Livestock, Pest Management, Poultry, Sheep, Swine



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<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/screwworm-florida-fights-deadly-parasites/>

X-SCITECH >

Parasite that can eat pets alive resurfaces in Florida

OCTOBER 11, 2016 / 5:12 PM / AP



New York Veterinarian Sierra Suspended, Fined

New York-based vet Camilo Sierra began serving suspension Dec. 27.

By Tom Precious | December 28, 2016



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New York-based veterinarian has been suspended by regulators for falsely submitting health certificates for three horses seeking to enter the grounds at Aqueduct Racetrack.

<https://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/>

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What is a CVI?

A **certificate of veterinary inspection** (CVI), also known as a *health certificate*, is an official document issued by a federal, state, tribal, or accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals identified on the document have been inspected and were found to satisfy the *regulations pertaining to their intended movement* – within the same state, between states, or internationally.

- American Veterinary Medical Association

└ When are health certificates needed?

International travel

Interstate travel

Shows/exhibits

Sales/purchases



Who is authorized to issue CVIs?

Accredited veterinarians

Be sure the category you have chosen to get accredited for is appropriate for the animals with which you'll be doing accredited duties.

Category I animals: All animals except: food and fiber species, horses, birds, farm-raised aquatic animals, all other livestock species, and zoo animals that can transmit exotic animal diseases to livestock

Category II animals: All animals



Types of health certificates

Depending on destination

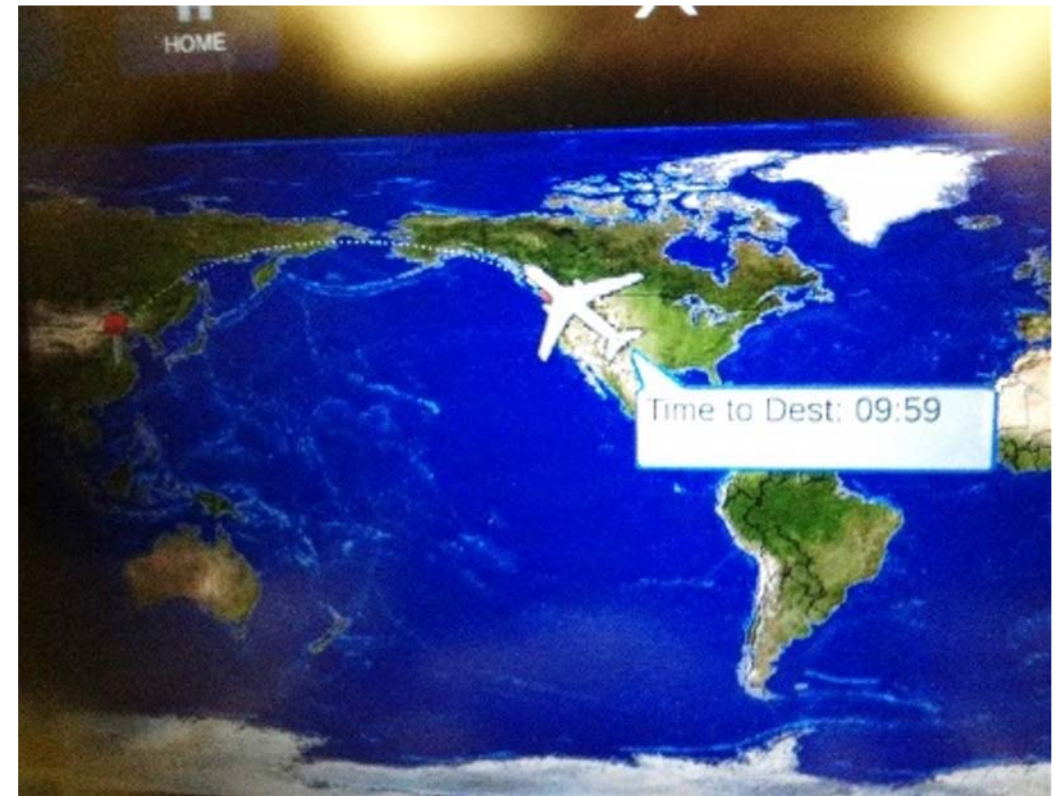
- International

- Interstate

Certificate form

- Hard copy

- Electronic





Domestic CVIs



Domestic CVIs

For interstate movement

Other uses:

- Fairs, shows, etc.

- Sales of animals



Where to find requirements for CVIs for domestic/interstate movement

From the USDA website:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_areavet

Then, click on:



For Veterinarians Accredited

How do I

- Take NVAP Training Modules?
- Complete the Renewal Process?
- Get My Accreditation Back if I let it Expire?
- Apply to do Accredited Work in Additional States?
- Use Electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection?
- Find Interstate Movement Requirements for Cattle? 

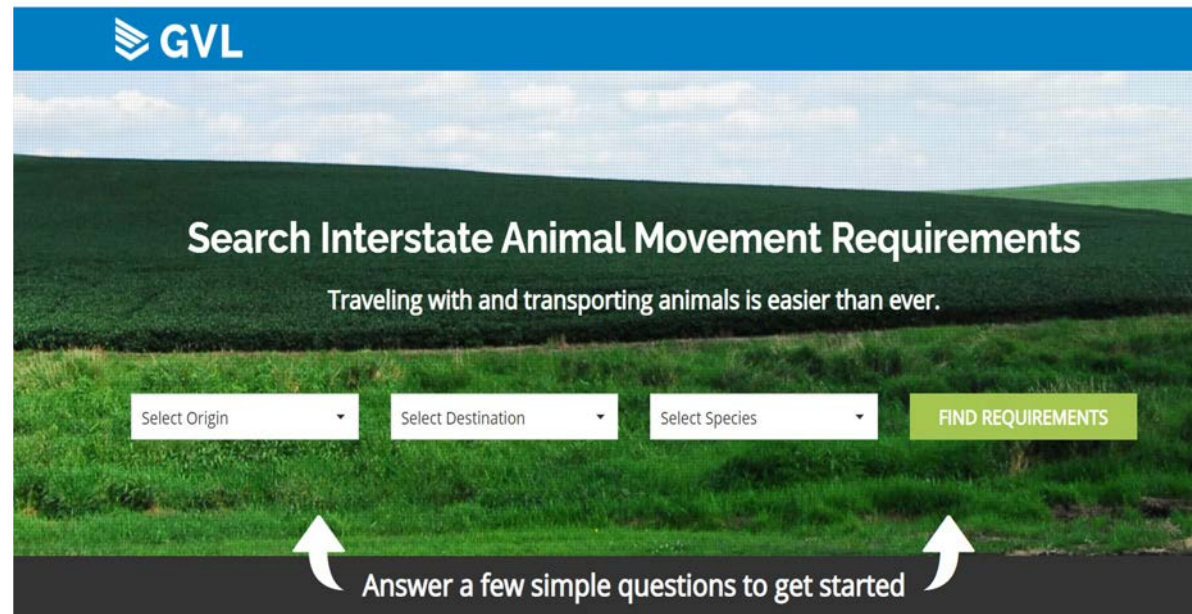


└ That will take you to:

<https://www.interstatelivestock.com/>



Or, you can also search through GlobalVetLINK (GVL) * (need to register first)



The screenshot shows the GVL website interface. At the top is a blue header with the GVL logo. Below the header is a large green field with rolling hills in the background. The main heading is "Search Interstate Animal Movement Requirements" in white text. Below the heading is the tagline "Traveling with and transporting animals is easier than ever." in white text. In the center of the field are three white dropdown menus labeled "Select Origin", "Select Destination", and "Select Species". To the right of these menus is a green button labeled "FIND REQUIREMENTS". At the bottom of the field is a dark grey bar with the text "Answer a few simple questions to get started" in white. Two white curved arrows point upwards from this bar towards the dropdown menus.

<http://animalregs.com/>



└ No matter which search engine you use....

....Someone has to keep the information current, so

Be SURE to double check with the state veterinarian's office!



└ Interstate CVI documentation

Hard copy

Electronic CVIs

State veterinarian determines which they will accept



Hard copy USDA health certificate (Form 7001)

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control numbers for this information collection are 0579-0036 and 0579-0033. The time required to complete this collection is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

No dog, cat, nonhuman primate, or additional kinds or classes of animals designated by USDA regulation shall be delivered to any intermediate handler or carrier for transportation in commerce, unless accompanied by a health certificate executed and issued by a licensed veterinarian (7 U.S.C. 21.43.9, CFR, Subchapter A, Part 2).

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0579-0033

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE**

**UNITED STATES INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL
CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH EXAMINATION
FOR SMALL ANIMALS**

WARNING: Anyone who makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement on this document, or uses such document knowing it to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent may be subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

1. TYPE OF ANIMAL SHIPPED (select one only)
☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Other _____
☐ Nonhuman Primate ☐ Ferret ☐ Rodent

2. CERTIFICATE NUMBER - OFFICIAL USE ONLY

3. TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS _____

4. PAGE _____ **of** _____

5. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OWNER (CONSIGNOR)

6. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF RECIPIENT AT DESTINATION (CONSIGNEE)

USDA License or Registration Number (if applicable)

7. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

NAME, AND/OR TATTOO NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION	BREED - COMMON OR SCIENTIFIC NAME	AGE	SEX	COLOR OR DISTINCTIVE MARKS OR MICROCHIP
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

8. PERTINENT VACCINATION, TREATMENT, AND TESTING HISTORY

RABIES VACCINATION		OTHER VACCINATIONS, TREATMENT, AND/OR TESTS AND RESULTS	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> 3 YEARS			
Vaccination Date	Product	Date	Product Type and/or Results

9. REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS (WHEN REQUIRED)

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION: I certify that the animals described in box 7 have been examined by me this date, that the information provided in box 8 is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the following findings have been made ("X" applicable statements).

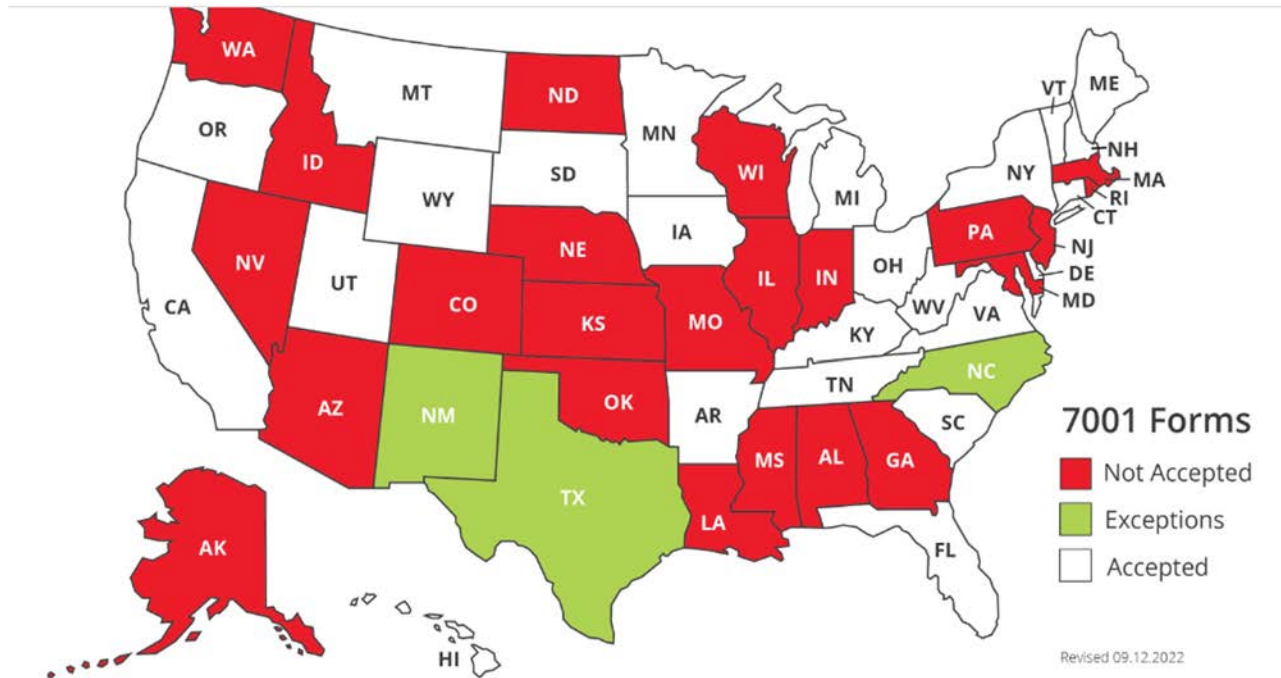
☐ I have verified the presence of the microchip, if a microchip is listed in box 7.

☐ I certify that the animal(s) described above and on continuation sheet(s), if applicable, have been inspected by me on this date and appear to be free of any infectious or contagious diseases and to the best of my knowledge, exposure thereto, which would endanger the

- No longer accepted by all states



APHIS 7001 Form Acceptance for small animal movement (as of September 2022)



Electronic CVI usage is growing rapidly

Faster

Less chance of fraud

Electronically ensure all requirements are met


Can be sent directly to the state veterinarian's office from the system

More easily searchable if needed in the case of an outbreak

Often integrates with practice management software



GlobalVetLINK CVI Example

 <p>Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Wallace State Office Building 502 E. 9th Street Des Moines, IA 50319 Phone: 515-281-5547 Fax: 515-281-4282 http://www.iowasag/culture.gov/animalIndustry/animalAdmissionRegs.asp</p>		<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION</p> <p align="center">Contact State of Destination for Movement Requirements and Certificate Validity FOR FOREIGN SHIPMENTS (Outside United States or Leaving United States) USE FEDERAL FORM For Interstate Travel - Certificate Valid for 30 days from Inspection</p>		<p>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</p> <p align="center">FAKE22-IA-18098292</p>	
INSPECTION DATE 2022-02-09		ISSUE DATE 2022-02-09		ENTRY PERMIT NUMBER	
BRAND INSPECTION NUMBER & ISSUE DATE 					
ORIGIN OF SHIPMENT Robert Q. Holecroft 123 GlobalVetLink Way Ames, IA 50010 Phone: 555-444-1234 PIN/LID: /		CONSIGNOR, PRESENT OWNER OF SHIPMENT Robert Q. Holecroft 123 GlobalVetLink Way Ames, IA 50010 Phone: 555-444-1234 PIN/LID: /		DESTINATION OF SHIPMENT Robert Q. Holecroft 123 GlobalVetLink Way Ames, IA 50010 Phone: 555-444-1234 PIN/LID: /	
		CONSIGNEE, NEW OWNER OF SHIPMENT Robert Q. Holecroft 123 GlobalVetLink Way Ames, IA 50010 Phone: 555-444-1234 PIN/LID: /		CARRIER, TRANSPORTER Robert Q. Holecroft 123 GlobalVetLink Way Ames, IA 50010 Phone: 555-444-1234 PIN/LID: /	
SPECIES - NUMBER IN SHIPMENT Canine (1) - 1 animal		PURPOSE(S) OF MOVEMENT Show/exhibition/sport		CARRIER TYPE Automobile	
HERD STATUS NUMBER		HERD FREE FOR		CURRENT STATE/AREA STATU.	
REMARKS/ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS					
Name: Max DOB: 2018-02-09 Color: Golden Gender: Neutered male Breed: Golden Retriever Head Count: 1					
Official ID Types: Microchip IDs: 951001002003004					
Remarks:					
OWNER / AGENT STATEMENT The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on this certificate. Signature _____ Date _____		VETERINARIAN'S SIGNATURE: This is a legally binding equivalent of a handwritten signature. <i>Sample Vet DM</i> John Jacobs 2022-02-09 15:01:44 -06:00		John Jacobs 1234 Town Roadssss Address Line 2ssss Nevadaasss, IA 67847 Phone: 000-000-0000	
OFFICIAL USE ONLY The Veterinarian issuing this certificate is accredited and has been authorized to inspect animals and issue certificates.		VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATION - I certify, as an accredited Veterinarian, that the above animals have been inspected by me and that they are not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease, (except where noted). The vaccinations and results of tests are indicated on the certificate. To the best of my knowledge, the animals listed on this certificate meet the state of destination and federal interstate requirements. No further warranty is made or implied.		License Number and State: IA, 1234 - IA National Accreditation Number: 654321	

Accepted in all 50 states

Other eCVI platforms are available or coming online



STREAMLINED: Nebraska veterinarians issue thousands of livestock health certificates a year. The process now can be completed electronically.

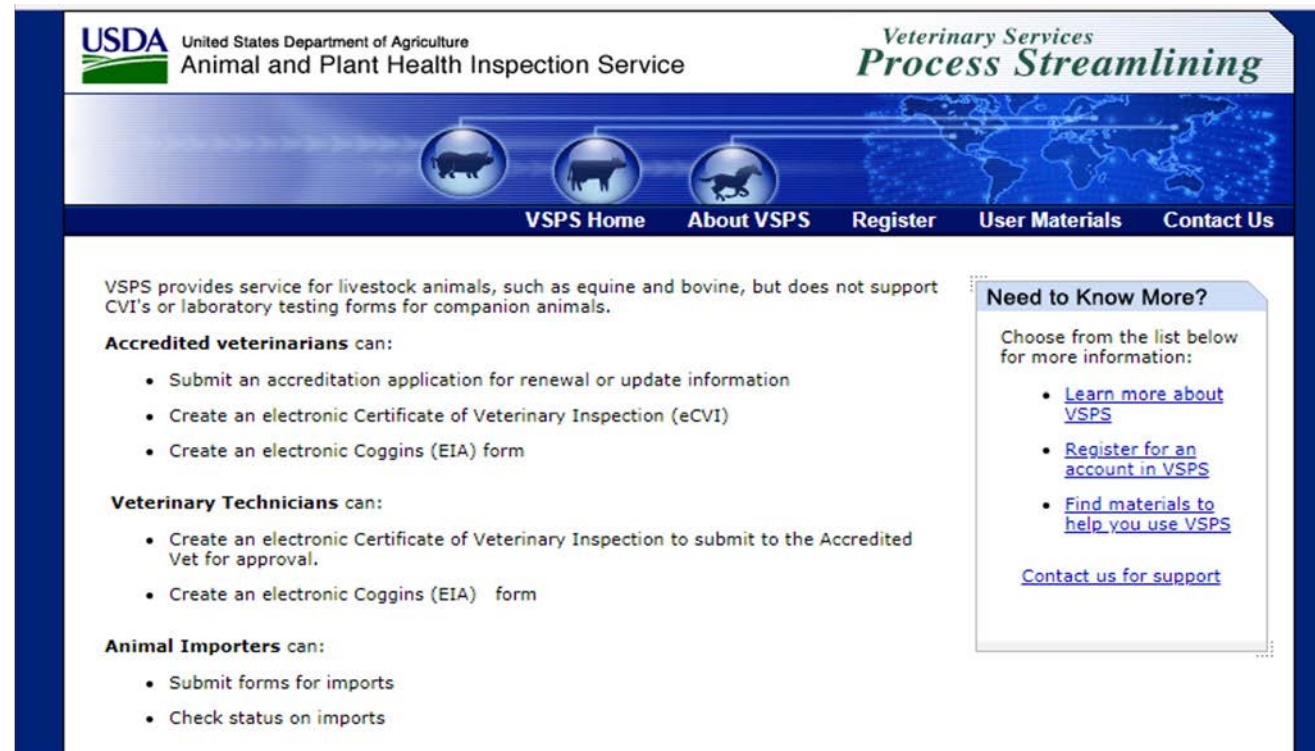
NDA's Animal Disease Traceability program allows veterinarians to issue certificates electronically.

Jan 25, 2019

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture recently initiated an easier, more convenient way for livestock health



USDA's VSPS: free system (not for companion animals)



The screenshot shows the USDA VSPS website. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service", and the title "Veterinary Services Process Streamlining". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "VSPS Home", "About VSPS", "Register", "User Materials", and "Contact Us". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a paragraph about VSPS services and three sections: "Accredited veterinarians can:", "Veterinary Technicians can:", and "Animal Importers can:", each followed by a bulleted list of actions. The right column contains a "Need to Know More?" section with a list of links for more information and a "Contact us for support" link.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Veterinary Services
Process Streamlining*

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VSPS provides service for livestock animals, such as equine and bovine, but does not support CVI's or laboratory testing forms for companion animals.

Accredited veterinarians can:

- Submit an accreditation application for renewal or update information
- Create an electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI)
- Create an electronic Coggins (EIA) form

Veterinary Technicians can:

- Create an electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection to submit to the Accredited Vet for approval.
- Create an electronic Coggins (EIA) form

Animal Importers can:

- Submit forms for imports
- Check status on imports

Need to Know More?

Choose from the list below for more information:

- [Learn more about VSPS](#)
- [Register for an account in VSPS](#)
- [Find materials to help you use VSPS](#)

[Contact us for support](#)



Caution! Be sure the eCVI you are considering is accepted by the state veterinarian for the state you are shipping to.





CVIs for international travel



International CVIs

Requirements for entry determined **by the receiving country**

In almost all cases, requires endorsement by a USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services veterinarian



USDA Form 7001 often used

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Some countries require their own certificates

MUST meet the requirements of the receiving country

May be a requirement for a bilingual certificate

Usually require certification statements

Often require copies or originals of laboratory tests

Can only be issued by accredited veterinarians

Need endorsement by USDA

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International CVIs - Developing Concerns

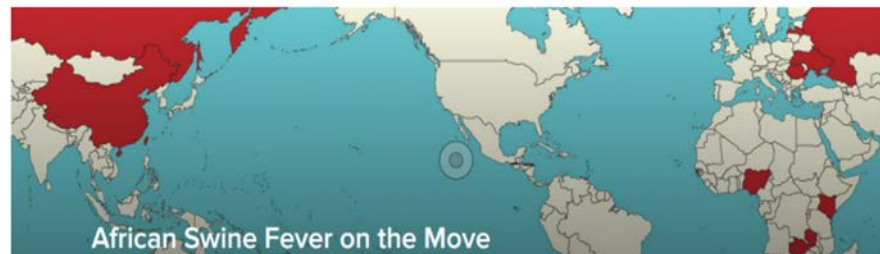
Security and fraud

Ensuring validity

Expanding interest in digital CVIs

African Swine Fever on the Move

September 24, 2018



USDA international CVI endorsement

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Travel with a Pet

Definition of a Pet

Take your Pet from the U.S. to a Foreign Country

Bring your Pet into the U.S. from a Foreign Country

Travel with a Pet from State to State

APHIS Veterinary Services Endorsement Offices



Virginia – Veterinary Services Endorsement Office

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In some instances, in-person appointments for endorsement may be available at a location closer to you. Please contact the office listed below for more information on your health certificate submission options.

**In person endorsement services are available by appointment only
Please call or e-mail to schedule your appointment**

Endorsement services offered via FedEx/UPS/US Mail to this address:

For appointments:

USDA-APHIS-National Import Export Services
Federal Building
400 North 8th Street, Ste. 726
Richmond, VA 23219-4824

804-343-2567

VSPSVA@aphis.usda.gov

For mailed-in health certificates:

USDA-APHIS-National Import Export Services
500 New Karner Road, 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12205

518-218-7540

VSPSNY@aphis.usda.gov

Responsibility of the veterinarian

Be sure you have the right accreditation category for the species you are working with

Determine the entry requirements for the state or country

Do all lab testing as required

Pay attention to requirements regarding timing of tests, submission of documents, certification statements

Obtain USDA endorsement if required

Guide your client, ensure they start early!!!



Where to get help

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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IRegs for Animal Exports

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**Learn More**

Traveling with a Pet?

International health certificates for the export of animals from the United States are completed by the accredited veterinarian  who certifies herd and animal health status, conducts tests, and records test results for the individual animals being exported. Completed and signed international health certificates for the export of animals from the United States must be endorsed by a Veterinary Services area office in order to be valid.

The United States has minimal requirements for animals to be exported to other countries. Your Area Veterinarian-in-Charge can provide you with the current regulations, tests, and inspections required. Approved ports of embarkation and shipping requirements can be found in [Program handbook](#) . Each country may have other specific health requirements for entry of animals. These requirements are established by the importing country, not the United States. Other countries may also have their own certificate format for export. Since export requirements

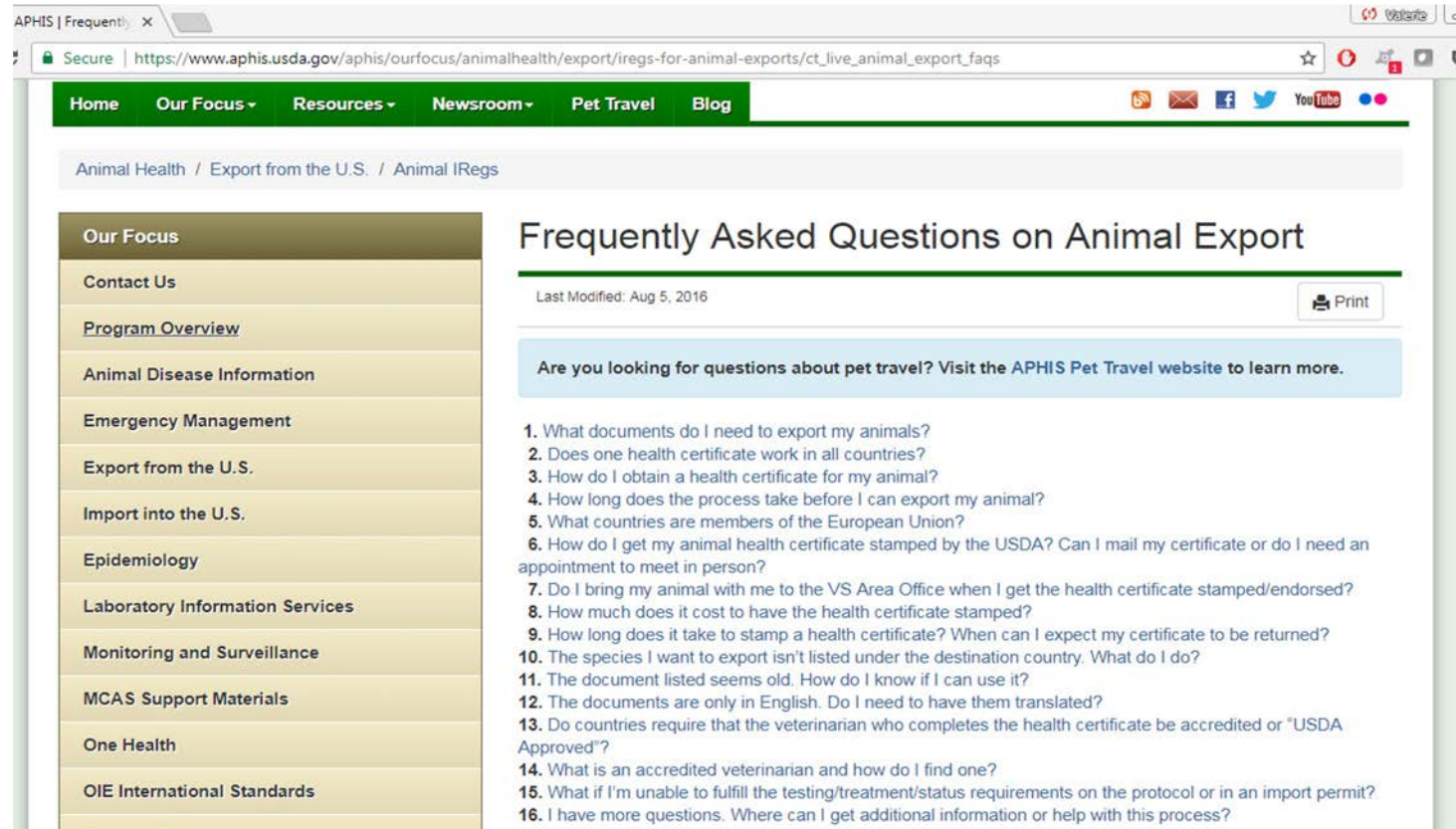
Related Links

[IRegs for Animal Product Exports](#)

[Animal and Animal Product Export Information](#)



Where to get help



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/iregs-for-animal-exports/ct_live_animal_export_faqs. The page has a green navigation bar with links: Home, Our Focus, Resources, Newsroom, Pet Travel, and Blog. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Animal Health / Export from the U.S. / Animal IRegs. On the left side, there is a sidebar titled 'Our Focus' with a list of links: Contact Us, Program Overview, Animal Disease Information, Emergency Management, Export from the U.S., Import into the U.S., Epidemiology, Laboratory Information Services, Monitoring and Surveillance, MCAS Support Materials, One Health, and OIE International Standards. The main content area is titled 'Frequently Asked Questions on Animal Export' and includes a 'Last Modified: Aug 5, 2016' date and a 'Print' button. A blue banner below the title reads: 'Are you looking for questions about pet travel? Visit the APHIS Pet Travel website to learn more.' The main content area contains a list of 16 frequently asked questions regarding animal export procedures, health certificates, and documentation.

APHIS | Frequently Asked Questions

Secure | https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/iregs-for-animal-exports/ct_live_animal_export_faqs

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Frequently Asked Questions on Animal Export

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Are you looking for questions about pet travel? Visit the [APHIS Pet Travel website](#) to learn more.

1. What documents do I need to export my animals?
2. Does one health certificate work in all countries?
3. How do I obtain a health certificate for my animal?
4. How long does the process take before I can export my animal?
5. What countries are members of the European Union?
6. How do I get my animal health certificate stamped by the USDA? Can I mail my certificate or do I need an appointment to meet in person?
7. Do I bring my animal with me to the VS Area Office when I get the health certificate stamped/endorsed?
8. How much does it cost to have the health certificate stamped?
9. How long does it take to stamp a health certificate? When can I expect my certificate to be returned?
10. The species I want to export isn't listed under the destination country. What do I do?
11. The document listed seems old. How do I know if I can use it?
12. The documents are only in English. Do I need to have them translated?
13. Do countries require that the veterinarian who completes the health certificate be accredited or "USDA Approved"?
14. What is an accredited veterinarian and how do I find one?
15. What if I'm unable to fulfill the testing/treatment/status requirements on the protocol or in an import permit?
16. I have more questions. Where can I get additional information or help with this process?



Key take home messages

Be properly accredited

Ensure you know the requirements for the species and the location where it is going

Ask for help if you need it!

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