

## 5.1 Export to the U.S. – General

### General Requirements

1. The following U.S. import requirements are prescribed in Part 93 of the [U.S. Code of Federal Regulations](#) and are available here.
  - a) the animal was born in Canada or the U.S. and has not been in any other country; **or**
  - b) the animal has been legally imported into Canada from some other country and unconditionally released into Canada so as to be eligible to move freely within Canada without restriction of any kind and has been in Canada after such release for 60 days or longer. An exception to these provisions is if a permit was obtained from the USDA to import into the U.S. animals that have been in Canada less than 60 days. If this situation arises, the district veterinarian should be contacted for more information.
2. The USDA requires export health certificates to be completed in English.
3. An export certificate is considered fully complete and valid only after it has been endorsed and stamped with the official export stamp by the CFIA veterinary inspector. This is usually the district veterinarian or veterinary inspector responsible for the geographic district in which the herd of origin is located, or another veterinary inspector if prior arrangements have been made.
4. The period of time that an export certificate remains valid is not only based on the date that the completed certificate is endorsed by a CFIA veterinarian, but may also be based on the actual date that the inspection or treatment commenced.

### Interpretations

5. Animals: Cattle, sheep, goats, other ruminants, swine, horses, asses, mules, zebras, dogs, cats, and poultry.
6. Cattle: Members of the species *Bos taurus* (domestic cattle), *Bos indicus* (Zebu-type cattle), and *Bison bison* (American buffalo).
7. Test date: The date on which the samples were drawn, not the date on which the test was performed in the laboratory or on which the results were reported. The exceptions to this definition are the test dates for the performance of intradermal tests for tuberculosis. In this case, the test date is the date on which the test is read and not the date of injection.

8. Exhibition: Any publicly recognized exposition, race, horse show, rodeo, circus or stage exhibition in Canada or the U.S.
9. Communicable Disease: Any contagious, infectious or communicable disease of domestic livestock, poultry, or other animals.
10. Birds: All members of the class Aves, including hatching eggs, other than “poultry.”
11. Zoological Park: For export purposes, a professionally operated zoo, park, garden or other place maintained under the constant surveillance of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, for the exhibition of live animals, pigeons or birds, for the purpose of public recreation or education.
12. Herd: Any group of animals maintained on common ground for any purpose, or two or more groups of animals of the same species under common ownership or supervision, which are geographically separated but among which there is an interchange or movement of animals without regard to health status.
13. Accredited Veterinarian: Non-federal veterinarian who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine and is formally authorized by means of an Accredited Veterinarian Agreement with the CFIA to perform inspections, tests, and activities for specified purposes.
14. Poultry: For the purposes of export to the U.S., chickens, ducks, geese, swans, turkeys, doves, pheasants, grouse, pigeons, partridges, quails, guinea fowl, and peafowl of all ages, including “poultry” hatching eggs.

## **Import Permits**

15. No import permits are required from the USDA if the animals are presented for import at one of the U.S. land border ports listed at the end of this section and if they meet one of the following conditions:
  - They were born in Canada or the U.S. and have been in no other country; or
  - They were legally imported into Canada from a bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)-free country and have been unconditionally released and eligible to move freely within Canada for at least 60 days before their export to the U.S.

16. An import permit is required from the USDA for:
- a) any animals (including semen or embryos), poultry, birds, or semen that are destined to enter the U.S. by air, sea or an inland port of entry other than those listed below;
  - b) all fresh/frozen embryos that enter the U.S. without having been transferred to an eligible recipient;
  - c) all animals, poultry, or semen from animal donors if the animals, poultry or animal donors have been imported into Canada from a country other than the U.S. and have been resident in Canada less than 60 days excluding any Canadian quarantine period.

17. Applications for import permits can be obtained from the following address:

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
[Veterinary Service](#), National Center for Import and Export  
4700 River Road, Unit 39  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
Tel.: (301) 734-3277  
Fax: (301) 734-4704

Requests may also be made by contacting USDA authorities at the port of entry.

18. For certain species, it may be necessary to obtain one or more Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) permits. Applications for CITES import/export permits can be obtained from the following addresses:

**U.S. import permit:**  
Department of the Interior  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Room 432  
4401 North Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22203  
Tel.: (703) 358-2104

**Canadian export permit:**  
CITES Administrator  
Canadian Wildlife Service  
Environment Canada  
Ottawa ON K1A 0H3  
Tel.: (819) 997-1095

## **Federal Requirement vs. State Requirements and Requirements of Other Organizations**

19. While it is recognized that each state has the prerogative to establish import movement controls that may be more stringent than the national (USDA) health requirements, the state authorities cannot prevent the entry into the U.S. from Canada of animals that meet established federal conditions. However, once animals have gained entry to the state, individual state authorities have the legal mandate to deal with such animal as they see fit.
  
20. Exporters should be advised that individual state requirements may exceed or differ from the USDA requirements. It is the exporter's responsibility to ensure that any additional requirements are met through arrangements made with the importer either on the arrival of the animals or in advance of their departure.
  
21. Tests that are performed to meet specific state requirements but are not required for entry into the U.S. must be submitted to a provincial or private laboratory. The results do not constitute part of the official certification and are not to appear on the export health certificate; however, the test results may be attached to the export document.
  
22. It is the exporter's responsibility to check whether any conditions are imposed by other organizations (e.g. requirements concerning endangered species) and to meet any such conditions.

23. The following [list of state veterinary offices](#) is provided to enable exporters to determine whether the state to which they are exporting imposes any restrictions that may affect their ability to access such markets.

<i>State</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
<i>Alabama</i>	<i>(334) 240-7255</i>	<i>Montana</i>	<i>(406) 444-2043</i>
<i>Alaska</i>	<i>(907) 745-3236</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>	<i>(402) 471-2351</i>
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>(602) 542-4293</i>	<i>Nevada</i>	<i>(775) 688-1180</i>
<i>Arkansas</i>	<i>(501) 907-2400</i>	<i>New Hampshire</i>	<i>(603) 271-2404</i>
<i>California</i>	<i>(916) 654-0881</i>	<i>New Jersey</i>	<i>(609) 292-3965</i>
<i>Colorado</i>	<i>(303) 239-4161</i>	<i>New Mexico</i>	<i>(505) 841-6161</i>
<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>(860) 713-2505</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>(518) 457-3502</i>
<i>Delaware</i>	<i>(302) 739-4811</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>(919) 733-7601</i>
<i>Florida</i>	<i>(580) 410-0910</i>	<i>North Dakota</i>	<i>(701) 328-2655</i>
<i>Georgia</i>	<i>(404) 656-3671</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>(614) 728-6220</i>
<i>Hawaii</i>	<i>(808) 483-7111</i>	<i>Oklahoma</i>	<i>(508) 522-6131</i>
<i>Idaho</i>	<i>(208) 332-8540</i>	<i>Oregon</i>	<i>(503) 986-4680</i>
<i>Illinois</i>	<i>(217) 782-4944</i>	<i>Pennsylvania</i>	<i>(717) 772-2852</i>
<i>Indiana</i>	<i>(317) 227-0300</i>	<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>(401) 222-2781</i>
<i>Iowa</i>	<i>(515) 281-5305</i>	<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>(803) 788-2260</i>
<i>Kansas</i>	<i>(785) 296-2326</i>	<i>South Dakota</i>	<i>(605) 773-3321</i>
<i>Kentucky</i>	<i>(502) 564-3956</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>(615) 837-5120</i>
<i>Louisiana</i>	<i>(225) 925-3980</i>	<i>Texas</i>	<i>(512) 719-0700</i>
<i>Maine</i>	<i>(207) 287-3701</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>(801) 538-7160</i>
<i>Maryland</i>	<i>(410) 841-5810</i>	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>(802) 828-2421</i>
<i>Massachusetts</i>	<i>(617) 626-1790</i>	<i>Virginia</i>	<i>(804) 786-2481</i>
<i>Michigan</i>	<i>(517) 373-1077</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>(360) 902-1878</i>
<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>(651) 296-2942</i>	<i>West Virginia</i>	<i>(304) 558-2214</i>
<i>Mississippi</i>	<i>(601) 359-1170</i>	<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>(608) 224-4872</i>
<i>Missouri</i>	<i>(573) 751-3377</i>	<i>Wyoming</i>	<i>(307) 777-6443</i>

## Use and Control of CFIA Seals

24. The shipment to the U.S. of certain species of animals must be in vehicles that are sealed at the location from which the animals are being shipped. Seals must be applied by the accredited veterinarian who signs the certificate or by a technician designated by the accredited veterinarian.
25. To perform this function, accredited veterinarians or their auxiliaries must be designated under the *Health of Animals Act*. Contact the CFIA district veterinarian to obtain this designation.
26. Accredited veterinarians will provide the CFIA district veterinarian with the names of any technicians able to perform the duties of sealing vehicles for the shipment of animals to the U.S. This list must be updated as soon as changes in staff are made.
27. The CFIA's Animal Health district office will provide seals for the vehicles. Seals may be allocated to an accredited veterinarian or to a veterinary clinic when more than one accredited veterinarian is employed by the same clinic.
28. The district office will keep records containing the seal numbers and the names of the accredited veterinarians or veterinary clinics to which the seals were distributed.
29. Once seals are applied to all possible exits of a vehicle transporting livestock, accredited veterinarians or their designated auxiliaries must record the numbers on the official export certificate in the appropriate section and initial the appropriate section.
30. Accredited veterinarians must keep records of the seals that are used. Seal numbers must be matched with export certificate numbers. These records must be kept for a minimum of three years.

31. Accredited veterinarians must submit, upon request, a list of the seals used and the corresponding export certificate numbers to the CFIA's Animal Health district office. The following template may be copied and used to submit this information. The document can be sent by facsimile, electronic mail or regular mail.

Accredited Veterinarian or Technician	Seal Number	Export Certificate Number	Date of Application of Seals

## Land Ports of Entry

32. The following land ports of entry are designated as having the necessary inspection facilities for the entry of animals from Canada:

State	Port Name	Telephone	Work Days	Hours
Idaho	Eastport	208-267-2396	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:30
Maine	Houlton	207-532-6099	Tu, Thurs, Fri.	9:00-14:00
Maine	Jackman	207-622-8248	By Appointment	
Michigan	Detroit	313-226-4428	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:30
Michigan	Port Huron	810-985-5433	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:30
Michigan	Sault Ste-Marie	906-647-6512	By Appointment	
Minnesota	Baudette	218-285-7044	By Appointment	
Montana	Opeim	406-487-5955	By Appointment	
Montana	Raymond	406-487-5955	By Appointment	
Montana	Sweetgrass	406-355-2142	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:30
New York	Alexandria Bay	315-482-2601	Tues, Wed, Thurs	8:00-16:30
New York	Champlain	518-298-2191	Tuesday	9:00-15:30
New York	Niagara Falls	716-297-6203	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:30
North Dakota	Dunseith	701-263-3364	Mon, Thurs, Fri	8:00-16:30
North Dakota	Pembina	701-825-6262	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:00
North Dakota	Portal	701-926-4281	Tues, Wed, Thurs. By Appointment	9:00-15:30
Vermont	Derby Line	802-873-9338	Wed	10:00-14:00
Vermont	Highgate Springs	802-868-2556	Mon, Tues, Fri	8:00-16:30
Washington	Oroville	509-476-2635	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:30
Washington	Sumas	360-988-5715	Mon to Fri	8:00-16:30

*Because of limited inspection services at some ports of entry, exporters should be advised to schedule the arrival of their animals with the USDA/APHIS veterinarian.*