



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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GENERAL ANIMAL MOVEMENT INFORMATION FOR ACCREDITED VETERINARIANS

A. Obtaining Certificates of Veterinary Inspection for Domestic Travel

1. Order paper Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) – Livestock and Poultry (CDFA Form 77-010) from:
 - California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services – Animal Health Branch
1220 N Street, Sacramento, California 95814
Phone: (916) 900-5002 – Email: ahbfeedback@cdfa.ca.gov
2. Obtain the U.S. Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001) from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) website - <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/APHIS7001.pdf>
-Many states no longer accept the APHIS Form 7001. Check with the destination state to determine entry requirements and which forms are accepted.
3. CDFA encourages the use of electronic CVIs (eCVIs). Current approved service providers include:

CVI Provider	Livestock & Poultry	Small Animal	Website
EquipassID	Equine only	No	https://equipassid.com
GlobalVetLINK (GVL)	Yes	Yes	https://www.globalvetlink.com/
myVetTech	Yes	No	https://myvettech.org/
Vet Sentry	Yes	Yes	https://www.vet-sentry.com/
VSPS - USDA	Yes	No	https://vsapps.aphis.usda.gov/vsps/public/Login.do

B. Resources for Animal Movement Requirements

1. Interstate movement
 - Contact the state veterinarian's office in the state of destination for the animal(s).
 - Interstate Livestock: <https://www.interstatelivestock.com>
 - GVL: <https://www.animalregs.com>
2. International movement
 - Contact the USDA: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/live-animal-export>
 - **Exportation may require USDA APHIS VS area office endorsement of the health certificate before the animal(s) can travel.**
 - USDA APHIS VS Veterinary Export Trade Services
10365 Old Placerville Road, Suite 210
Sacramento, California 95827



Phone: (916) 854-3960 – Email: sacanimalexport@usda.gov

- United States Embassy (Import regulations for foreign countries)
<http://www.embassy.org/embassies>

3. Obtain airline-specific requirements from the **airline carrier** used for movement of the animals. Some airline carriers have additional required statements of health for inclusion on a CVI.
4. General movement information from CDFA:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/Entry_Requirements.html

C. Responsibilities of Accredited Veterinarians Preparing Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. Reminders

- CVIs must be completed in compliance with U.S. federal regulations (9 CFR Part 161 and Part 86), with requirements of the state/country of destination, and with the airline if shipment is by air.
- Certificates are generally valid for 30 days from the date of animal inspection.
- The CVI and supporting movement documents must be retained by the accredited veterinarian for five (5) years for large animals and three (3) years for small animals.
- Incomplete CVIs may result in quarantine of the shipped animal(s) and/or other actions deemed necessary until entry requirements have been met.

2. Distribution of CVIs:

- A copy of the completed CVI should be retained by the accredited veterinarian, accompany the animal(s) in the shipment, and be distributed to both the origin and destination states. Distribution varies depending on the form used.
 - **Livestock and Poultry (CDFA Form 77-010):** Send the white and yellow colored carbon copies with one (1) copy of supporting documents, if applicable, to CDFA's Animal Health Branch Headquarters within seven (7) days from the date issued. Supporting movement documents may include breed registration papers, identification lists, or disease testing records, for example, and should reference the CVI number. California will send all documents to the destination state.
 - **Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001):** Provide the owner with the completed and signed original document. Send a copy of the document to the destination state only. Do not send a copy to CDFA.
 - **eCVIs:** Consult the provider to determine if eCVIs are automatically distributed to origin and destination states upon issuance. If not, the accredited veterinarian is responsible for providing copies to the origin and destination states. Contact the eCVI provider to determine how supporting movement documents are provided to the states.