



The Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)

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What is VEHCS?



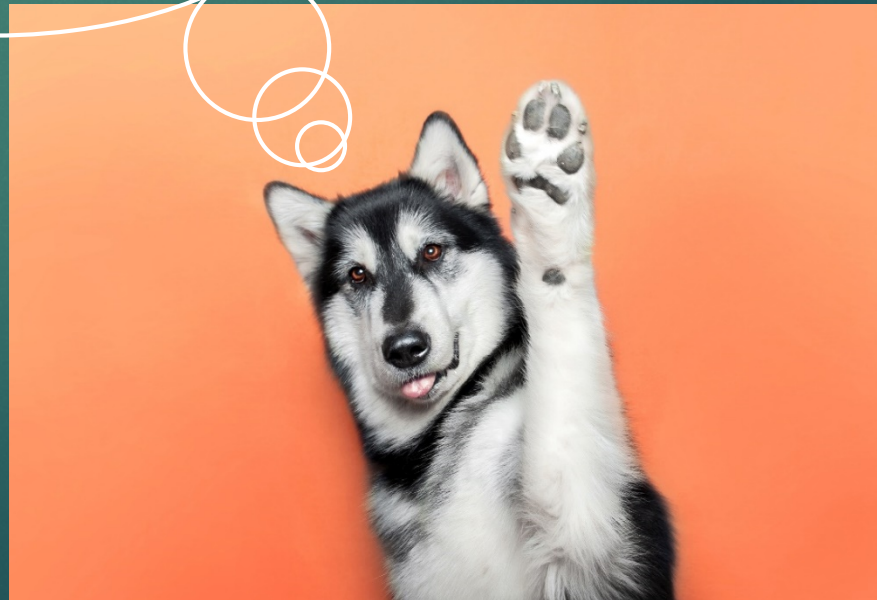
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VEHCS is...

- ▶ USDA APHIS' online electronic system for the creation, issuance (complete, sign, date) and endorsement of U.S. veterinary export health certificates for international export of live animals and germplasm.
- ▶ VEHCS allows you, the USDA Accredited Veterinarian (AV), to issue and digitally sign health certificates through a secure server after logging in with your eAuthentication account.
 - ▶ eAuthentication is a User ID and password to identify yourself and access certain USDA systems. [For more information, click here.](#)
- ▶ Once signed, the health certificate and supporting documentation you upload are submitted electronically via VEHCS to USDA APHIS for review and endorsement; thereby eliminating the time and shipping expense required to send the hard copy to [your USDA Endorsement Office.](#)

Pawsome! So I can use
this instead of a paper
health certificate?



VEHCS Acceptance

- ▶ Not every destination country accepts VEHCS health certificates.
- ▶ Of those that do, there's variation on whether the country only accepts the AV's electronic signature or also accepts the USDA APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer's electronic endorsement.
- ▶ Additionally, some countries will only allow the use of VEHCS for certain species or commodities, while others will allow for all animal shipments.

Keep in mind

- ▶ With a few exceptions, it is **not** mandatory to use VEHCS.
 - ▶ The [USDA APHIS International Regulations \(IRegs\) web page](#) and the [USDA APHIS Pet Travel Website \(PTW\)](#) will state if VEHCS must be used.
 - ▶ It remains acceptable to continue to issue paper health certificates.
 - ▶ But do **not** issue both a paper and VEHCS health certificate. Only one option may be used.
- ▶ Regardless of how the health certificate is issued, a printed, paper hardcopy of the endorsed health certificate must accompany all animals when they travel.

But how will I know
when I can use
VEHCS?



VEHCS Banners

- ▶ The [IRegs](#) and the [PTW](#) contain color coded banners to indicate a destination country's acceptance of VEHCS.
- ▶ The VEHCS colored coded banners are summarized as follows:

	RED	ORANGE	GREEN	YELLOW	PURPLE	BLUE
Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Original signature	Digital signature	Digital signature	Digital signature for SOME commodities only (Please refer to IRegs or PTW)	Digital signature	Digital signature with <i>subsequent</i> original signature after APHIS digital signature
APHIS VMO Signature	Original signature and physically embossed with raised seal	Original signature and physically embossed with raised seal	Digital signature and digital seal (not embossed)	Digital signature and digital seal (not embossed) for SOME commodities only (Please refer to IRegs or PTW)	Digital signature and digital seal (not embossed) for SOME commodities only (Please refer to IRegs or PTW)	Digital signature and digital seal (not embossed)

VEHCS Banner – What you'll see for each country

- ▶ VEHCS use is not allowed. You must issue a traditional paper health certificate (wet ink signature and date of signing) and overnight ship or hand deliver to the USDA Endorsement Office for review and endorsement.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE AND SUBMISSION

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Original Ink
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Original Ink

Details: Health certificates require original ink signatures from the issuing USDA Accredited Veterinarian and the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer with the application of the APHIS embossed seal. *Submissions through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) cannot be accepted at this time.*

VEHCS Banner – What you'll see for each country

- ▶ You may use VEHCS to issue the health certificate, but USDA APHIS's endorsement requires an original ink signature and application of the USDA embossed seal. That physically endorsed health certificate must be used for travel; you may **not** use a printed copy from VEHCS for travel.

ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE PARTIALLY ACCEPTED

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Digital Signature Accepted
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Original Ink

Details: USDA Accredited Veterinarians may issue health certificates electronically through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). *Health certificates must then be printed and require the APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer's original signature with the application of the APHIS embossed seal.*

NOTE: A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment.

VEHCS Banner – What you'll see for each country

- ▶ VEHCS may be used to electronically issue and endorse the health certificate for all commodities. This means you may print the endorsed health certificate from VEHCS to give to your client for when the animal(s) travel to the destination country.

ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACCEPTED

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Digital Signature Accepted
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Digital Signature Accepted

Details: Health certificates may be issued electronically by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by the APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). *The APHIS embossed seal is not required.*

NOTE: A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment.

VEHCS Banner – What you'll see for each country

- ▶ Your use of VEHCS to issue the health certificate, and USDA APHIS's electronic endorsement, are commodity-specific. If USDA APHIS can electronically endorse, you can then print the VEHCS health certificate for your client. If USDA APHIS must physically endorse, then that health certificate must be returned to you or your client to accompany the animal(s).

ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACCEPTED FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Varies by Species: See Below
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Varies by Species: See Below

Details: For certain commodities, health certificates may be issued electronically by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by the APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). *The APHIS embossed seal is not required.*

NOTE: A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment.

For all other commodities, health certificates require original ink signatures from the issuing USDA Accredited Veterinarian and the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer with the application of the APHIS embossed seal. Submissions through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) cannot be accepted at this time.

VEHCS Banner – What you'll see for each country

- ▶ You may use VEHCS to issue the health certificate, but USDA APHIS's electronic endorsement is commodity-specific. If USDA APHIS can electronically endorse, you can then print the VEHCS health certificate for your client. If USDA APHIS must physically endorse, then that health certificate must be returned to you or your client to accompany the animal(s).

ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACCEPTED FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Digital Signature Accepted
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Varies by species-See below

Details: For certain commodities, health certificates may be issued electronically by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by the APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). *The APHIS embossed seal is not required.*

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NOTE: A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment.

VEHCS Banner – What you'll see for each country

- ▶ You may use VEHCS to issue the health certificate, but once USDA APHIS electronically endorses it in VEHCS, you will need to print a copy of the endorsed health certificate from VEHCS and (wet ink) sign the health certificate atop the digital signature line prior to giving to your client. That health certificate must accompany the animal(s).

ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACCEPTED

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Digital Signature Accepted with Subsequent Original Ink
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Digital Signature Accepted
<p>Details: Health certificates may be issued electronically by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by the APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). <i>Once the health certificate is electronically endorsed by APHIS in VEHCS, the USDA Accredited Veterinarian must print a copy and apply his or her original ink signature atop the printed digital signature line, prior to export. The APHIS embossed seal is not required.</i></p> <p>NOTE: A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment.</p>	

I know there are several types of USDA APHIS approved health certificates. Are those the same in VEHCs?



VEHCS has three types of health certificates

1. VEHCS Defined
2. VEHCS Universal
3. AV PDF Health Certificate Upload

VEHCS Defined Health Certificates

- ▶ This type of health certificate walks you through all parts of the certification process step-by-step, with buttons and check boxes to select the applicable option for the animal(s).
- ▶ You only need to input the shipment-specific data.
- ▶ You can create “templates” to save the Consignor, Consignee, and Commodity Table (when applicable) entered into the health certificate.
 - ▶ This is useful for recurring exports, like owners who travel with their pets regularly or horses that travel back and forth between the United States and Canada for shows.

VEHCS Universal Health Certificates

- ▶ Unlike the VEHCS Defined Health Certificate, this type of VEHCS health certificate requires you to enter all required information from the import regulations, including any country-specific required certification statements.
- ▶ This type of VEHCS health certificate is rarely used.

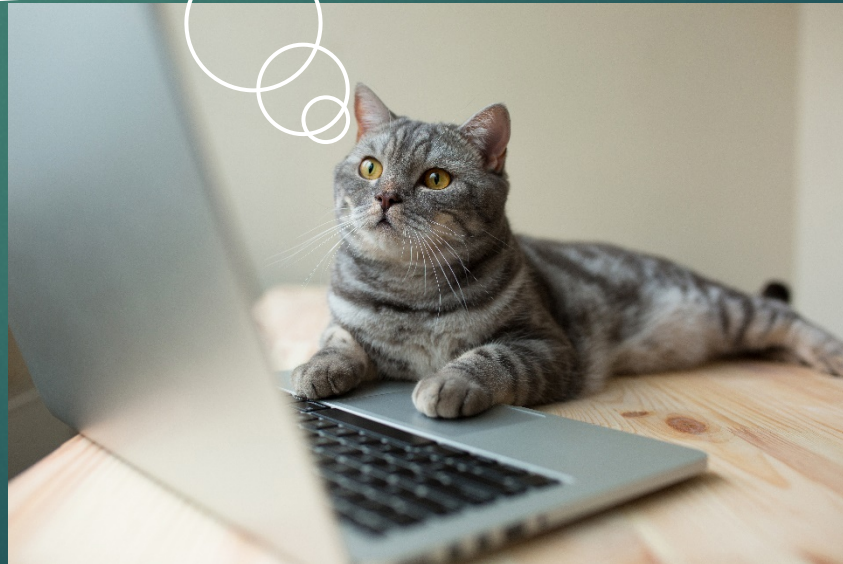
AV PDF Health Certificate Upload

- ▶ This health certificate option applies when there is not a Defined health certificate available for use in VEHCS.
- ▶ You complete the fillable PDF as found on the USDA APHIS IRegs or PTW. USDA APHIS prefers you complete the document in Adobe.
- ▶ Once completed, you will electronically sign the PDF in Adobe and upload it into VEHCS (USDA APHIS preferred option),

OR

You will sign the physical paper copy of the health certificate and then scan and upload it into VEHCS.

Sounds great! How do
I get started with
VEHCS?



Getting started with VEHCS

- ▶ New users must create an eAuthentication account at: <https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit>. We'll walk you through the process during the next slides.
 - ▶ Don't forget to activate your account from the confirmation email!
 - ▶ The first time you log in, click "Continue to VEHCS." *Do not click "Continue to PCIT!"* You want to export live animals, not plants!
- ▶ Step by step quick reference guides on registering for the first time and other uses of VEHCS are located on the VEHCS website here: <https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/vehcs/faces/support/userguides.html>
- ▶ Still need help? Contact the APHIS eAuthentication Helpdesk at: 1-866-794-2827 or aehd@aphis.usda.gov.

Click “Log In”

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for safeguarding agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment, or spread of animal and plant pests and noxious weeds.

The APHIS Application Access page is used to log into the following systems:

Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT)

PCIT system tracks the inspection of agricultural products and certifies compliance with plant health standards of importing countries. This capability provides APHIS/PPQ better security, reporting functions, and monitoring capabilities for exported commodities.

Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)

VEHCS system facilitates creation and endorsement of animal health certificates for export. It helps APHIS/VS to certify compliance with importing countries requirements, and to automate tracking and reporting of exported live animals.

Click “Create an Account”



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eAuthentication Login

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Administrator Links
▶ [Local Registration Authority Login](#)

LincPass (PIV) ?

CLICK HERE TO
LOG IN
WITH YOUR
LincPass (PIV)



User ID & Password ?

User ID:
Password:

[I forgot my User ID | Password](#)

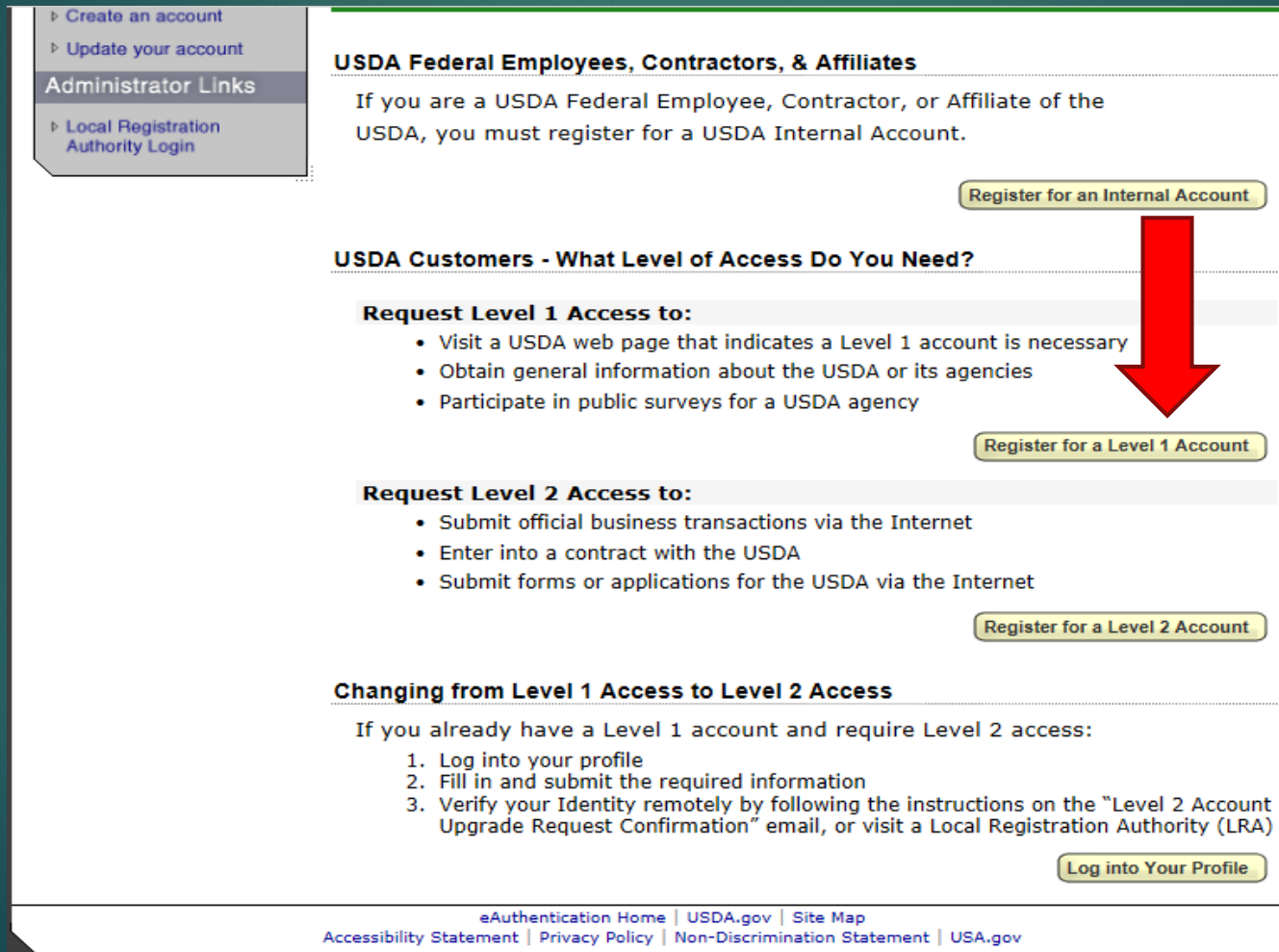
[REGISTER](#) [LOGIN](#)
[Change my Password](#)

WARNING

Upon Login You Agree to the Following Information:

- You are accessing a U.S. Government information system, which includes (1) this computer, (2) this computer network, (3) all computers connected to this network, and (4) all devices and storage media attached to this network or to a computer on this network. This information system is provided for U.S. Government-authorized use only.
- Unauthorized or improper use of this system may result in disciplinary action, as well as civil and criminal penalties.
- By using this information system, you understand and consent to the following:
 1. You have no reasonable expectation of privacy regarding any communications or

Click “Register for a Level 1 Account”



The screenshot shows a web page with a sidebar on the left containing navigation links: 'Create an account', 'Update your account', 'Administrator Links', and 'Local Registration Authority Login'. The main content area is titled 'USDA Federal Employees, Contractors, & Affiliates' and contains instructions for registering for a USDA Internal Account. Below this, there is a section titled 'USDA Customers - What Level of Access Do You Need?' with two sub-sections: 'Request Level 1 Access to:' and 'Request Level 2 Access to:'. A large red arrow points from the 'Register for an Internal Account' button down to the 'Register for a Level 1 Account' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Log into Your Profile' button and a footer with various links.

[Create an account](#)
[Update your account](#)
Administrator Links
[Local Registration Authority Login](#)

USDA Federal Employees, Contractors, & Affiliates

If you are a USDA Federal Employee, Contractor, or Affiliate of the USDA, you must register for a USDA Internal Account.

[Register for an Internal Account](#)

USDA Customers - What Level of Access Do You Need?

Request Level 1 Access to:

- Visit a USDA web page that indicates a Level 1 account is necessary
- Obtain general information about the USDA or its agencies
- Participate in public surveys for a USDA agency

[Register for a Level 1 Account](#)

Request Level 2 Access to:

- Submit official business transactions via the Internet
- Enter into a contract with the USDA
- Submit forms or applications for the USDA via the Internet

[Register for a Level 2 Account](#)

Changing from Level 1 Access to Level 2 Access

If you already have a Level 1 account and require Level 2 access:

1. Log into your profile
2. Fill in and submit the required information
3. Verify your Identity remotely by following the instructions on the “Level 2 Account Upgrade Request Confirmation” email, or visit a Local Registration Authority (LRA)

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[Accessibility Statement](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Non-Discrimination Statement](#) | [USA.gov](#)

Step 1: Complete Required Fields

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USDA eAuthentication

login : yz
password :

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You are here: [eAuthentication](#) > [Account Creation](#) > [Account Request Form](#)

Register for Your Account - Level 1

Form Approved OMB No. 0503-0014

Step 1 of 4 - Level 1 Access Account Registration

USDA customers should complete the information below to create a USDA eAuthentication account. Please read the eAuthentication [Privacy Act Statement](#) and [Public Burden Statement](#) for more information on how your personal information will be protected.

All required fields are **red** and marked by an asterisk (i.e. *). Enter your first and last name exactly as it appears on your Government issued photo ID (e.g. state driver's license).

Note: The characters < > ^ : | are not allowed on this form (the character : is allowed for password only).

User Information ?

Required Field*

First Name*

Middle Initial

Last Name*

Suffix

Step 2: Account Verification

USDA eAuthentication

login : V2
password :

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You are here: eAuthentication > Account Creation > Account Request Confirmation

Create an eAuthentication Account

Step 2 of 4 - Level 1 Access Account Verification

If this information is incorrect, please click the edit If the information is correct, please continue by clicking the submit button.

Verify User Information

User ID:

Name:

Email:


Verify Security Questions & Answers

Q: In what city/town did your mother and father meet
A:

Q: What time of the day were you born (hhmm)
A:

Q: What was the name of your second pet
A:

Q: What was your childhood phone number including area code (e.g., 000-000-0000)
A:



Step 3: Print Confirmation Email

- ▶ After completing your account verification, you will receive an email providing additional instructions on how to complete your eAuthentication registration.

The screenshot shows a web page titled "Create an eAuthentication Account" with a green header. On the left is a navigation menu with links: "What is an account?", "Create an account", "Update your account", "Administrator Links", and "Local Registration Authority Login". The main content area is titled "Step 3 of 4 - Print Confirmation email". It contains the following text:

Account Created:

Your account has been created but you have one more step required to complete your registration!

Your confirmation email with the subject line, "**eAuthentication - FYI - Instructions to Activate Your USDA Account With Level 1 Access**", should arrive within 1 hour. Please follow the instructions in the email to complete step 4 of your registration.

eAuthentication Account Information:

User ID: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

If after 24 hours you do not receive the confirmation email:

1. Check the email "junk" folder, as some email applications may place this email there.
2. Search for the following subject line in your email application: "eAuthentication - FYI - Instructions to Activate Your USDA Account With Level 1 Access"

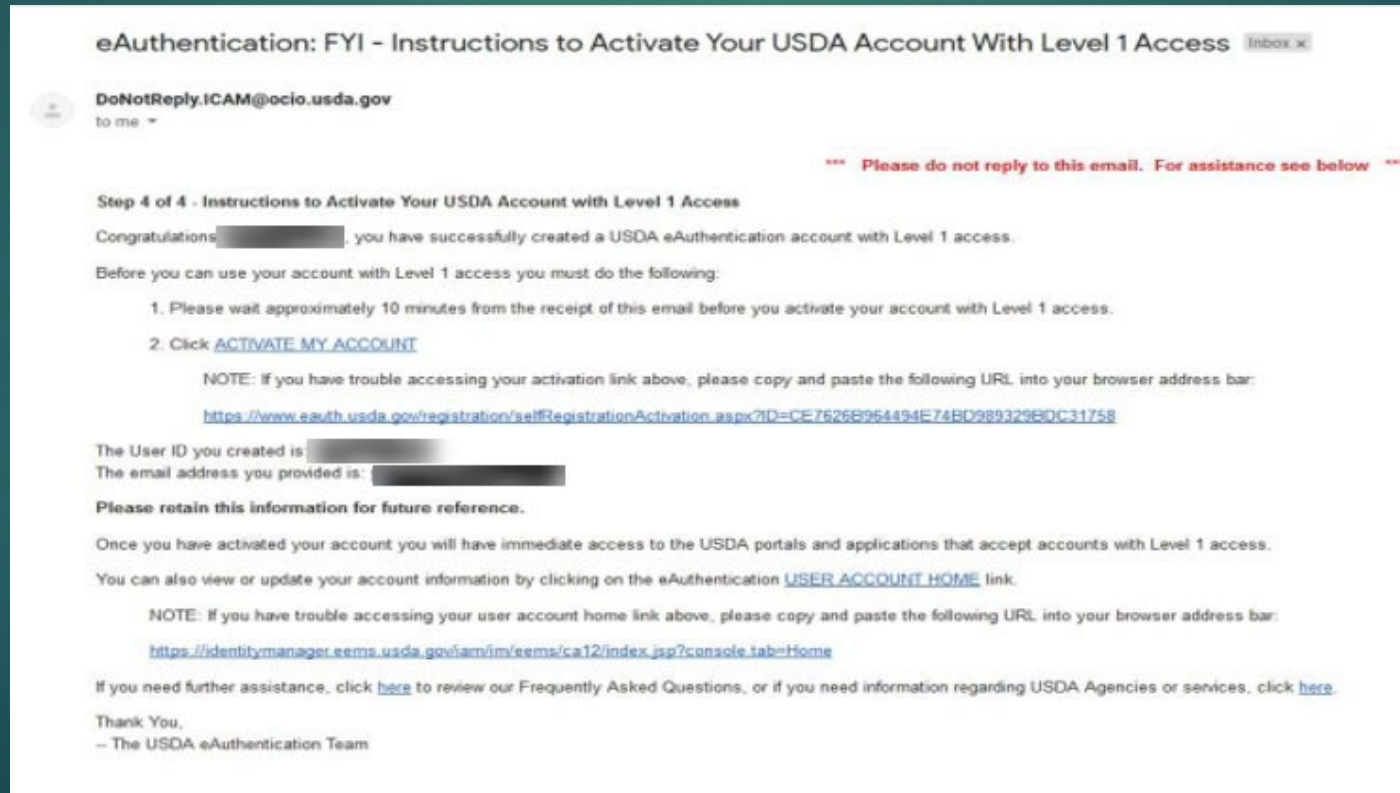
Once you have located the confirmation email:

1. Follow the instructions in the email to complete step 4 of your registration.

For additional information click [here](#) to review our Frequently Asked Questions.

Step 3 (continued): Your Confirmation Email

- ▶ Follow the instructions provided in the email to activate your account.



The screenshot shows an email from DoNotReply.ICAM@ocio.usda.gov. The subject line is 'eAuthentication: FYI - Instructions to Activate Your USDA Account With Level 1 Access'. The email content includes a congratulatory message, instructions on how to activate the account, and two URLs for further assistance. The first URL is for the activation link, and the second is for the user account home link. The email concludes with a thank you message from the USDA eAuthentication Team.

eAuthentication: FYI - Instructions to Activate Your USDA Account With Level 1 Access Inbox x

DoNotReply.ICAM@ocio.usda.gov
to me ▾

*** Please do not reply to this email. For assistance see below ***

Step 4 of 4 - Instructions to Activate Your USDA Account with Level 1 Access

Congratulations [REDACTED], you have successfully created a USDA eAuthentication account with Level 1 access.

Before you can use your account with Level 1 access you must do the following:

1. Please wait approximately 10 minutes from the receipt of this email before you activate your account with Level 1 access.
2. Click [ACTIVATE MY ACCOUNT](#)

NOTE: If you have trouble accessing your activation link above, please copy and paste the following URL into your browser address bar:
<https://www.eauth.usda.gov/registration/selfRegistrationActivation.aspx?ID=CE7626B954494E74BD989329B0C31758>

The User ID you created is: [REDACTED]
The email address you provided is: [REDACTED]

Please retain this information for future reference.

Once you have activated your account you will have immediate access to the USDA portals and applications that accept accounts with Level 1 access.

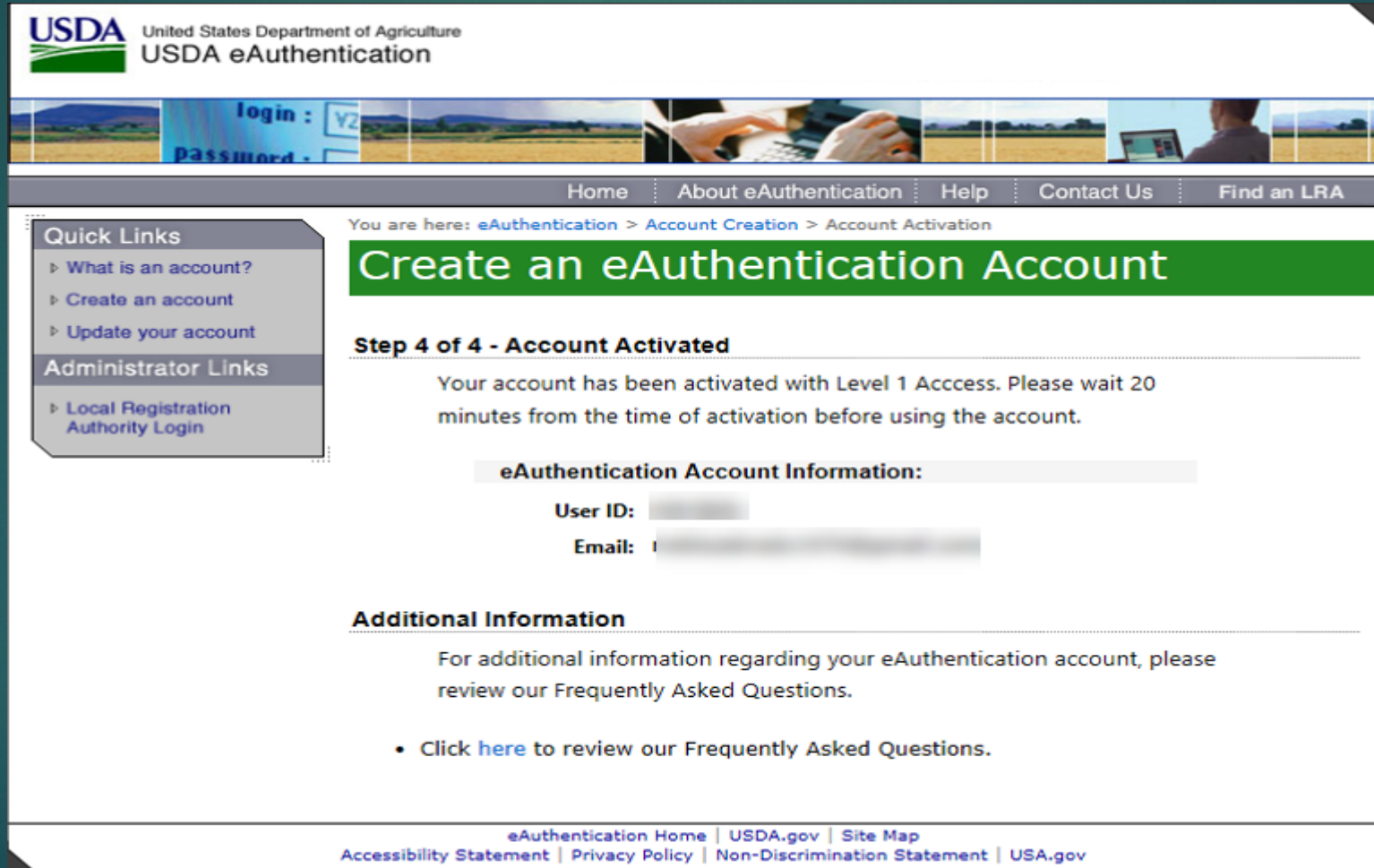
You can also view or update your account information by clicking on the eAuthentication [USER ACCOUNT HOME](#) link.

NOTE: If you have trouble accessing your user account home link above, please copy and paste the following URL into your browser address bar:
<https://identitymanager.eems.usda.gov/sam/im/eems/ca12/index.jsp?console.tab=Home>

If you need further assistance, click [here](#) to review our Frequently Asked Questions, or if you need information regarding USDA Agencies or services, click [here](#).

Thank You,
- The USDA eAuthentication Team

Step 4: Confirmation of e-Authentication Account Activation



The screenshot displays the USDA eAuthentication website interface. At the top left is the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture" and "USDA eAuthentication". A navigation bar includes links for "Home", "About eAuthentication", "Help", "Contact Us", and "Find an LRA". Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads "You are here: eAuthentication > Account Creation > Account Activation". A prominent green banner contains the text "Create an eAuthentication Account". The main content area features a section titled "Step 4 of 4 - Account Activated" with the message: "Your account has been activated with Level 1 Access. Please wait 20 minutes from the time of activation before using the account." Below this, a section titled "eAuthentication Account Information:" shows "User ID:" and "Email:" followed by redacted fields. An "Additional Information" section follows, stating: "For additional information regarding your eAuthentication account, please review our Frequently Asked Questions." and includes a bullet point: "Click [here](#) to review our Frequently Asked Questions." The footer contains links for "eAuthentication Home", "USDA.gov", "Site Map", "Accessibility Statement", "Privacy Policy", "Non-Discrimination Statement", and "USA.gov".

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login : [Y2]
password : []

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Create an eAuthentication Account

Step 4 of 4 - Account Activated

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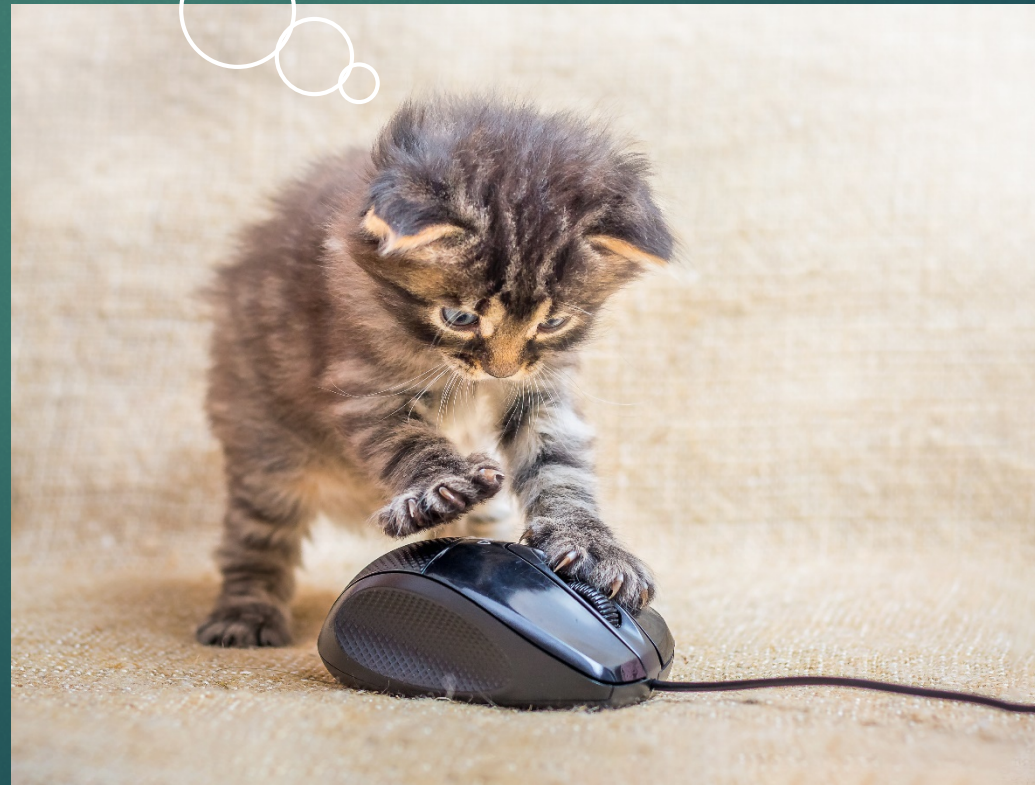
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I'm ready!
Now what?



Log into VEHCS

▶ <https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit>



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APHIS Application Access

****Notice**:** All APHIS systems use the USDA eAuthentication security portal for application access. If you have problems logging in, you must call the APHIS eAuthentication Help Desk at 1-866-794-2827 for assistance.

[Log In](#)

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Enter your eAuthentication User ID and Password

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eAuthentication Login

Quick Links

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Administrator Links

- Local Registration Authority Login

LincPass (PIV)

CLICK HERE TO
LOG IN
WITH YOUR
LincPass (PIV)

User ID & Password

User ID:

Password:

[I forgot my User ID](#) | [Password](#)

[REGISTER](#) [LOGIN](#)

[Change my password](#)

WARNING

Upon Login You Agree to the Following Information:

- You are accessing a U.S. Government information system, which includes (1) this computer, (2) this computer network, (3) all computers connected to this network, and

Select “Continue to VEHCS”



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APHIS Application Access

Success! You have successfully signed into the USDA eAuthentication security portal.

Since this is your first time logging into this system, determine which application you should be using by answering the question below.

To proceed, click on the corresponding button in the appropriate exports box.
(**Note: You only need to do this once. If you need help, please reference Action Three of the [Initial Access Guide](#).)

What Are You Exporting?

Plants and/or Plant Products
If you are exporting plants and/or plant products, please use the Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT).

Continue to PCIT

Live Animals and/or Live Animal Products
If you are exporting live animals, please use the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS).

Continue to VEHCS

****Currently, your eAuthentication User ID is not linked to a PCIT or VEHCS User Account. Once you have completed the registration process and have successfully logged into PCIT or VEHCS for the first time, your eAuthentication User ID will subsequently log you directly into PCIT or VEHCS.**

Confirm You Want to Become a VEHCS User



The screenshot shows a confirmation page from the USDA APHIS system. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the USDA logo and text: "United States Department of Agriculture" and "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service". On the right side of the header, it says "APHIS Application Access". Below the header, the main content area is white. It features a bold heading: "You Have Selected the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)". Underneath this heading is a paragraph: "If you continue, your eAuthentication ID will be tied to the VEHCS application and you will no longer be given the choice to access the PCIT system." Below the paragraph is a red question: "Are you sure you want to become a VEHCS user?". Underneath the question are two buttons: "No" and "Yes". A large red arrow points to the "Yes" button. At the bottom of the page, there are three links: "USDA", "APHIS", and "VEHCS.Help/Contact Us".

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APHIS Application Access

You Have Selected the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)

If you continue, your eAuthentication ID will be tied to the VEHCS application and you will no longer be given the choice to access the PCIT system.

Are you sure you want to become a VEHCS user?

[USDA](#) | [APHIS](#) | [VEHCS.Help/Contact Us](#)

Create Your Organization's Profile

► Choose Option 1

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)

VEHCS Initial Registration

Last Step! Before you can access VEHCS, please choose one of the following two options:

(**Note: You only need to do this once. If you need help, please reference Action Three of the [Initial Access Guide](#).)

Option 1

My business (non-USDA) does not have a VEHCS account, and I will be the first user and administrator for my business in VEHCS.

[Create Business Organization](#)

Option 2

I'm joining an existing business or USDA organization and my organization administrator has provided me with a Unique PIN.

Unique PIN: [Join](#)

****Currently, your eAuthentication User ID is not linked to a VEHCS User Account.**
Once you have completed Option 1 or Option 2 above and have successfully logged into VEHCS, your eAuthentication User ID will log you directly into VEHCS.
If you have forgotten your Unique PIN, please contact your Organization Administrator or the [PCIT Help Desk](#).

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Enter Required User Information

- ▶ It is your responsibility to maintain current License and Accreditation information in VEHCS.
- ▶ VEHCS will not permit you to issue a health certificate if either your License or Accreditation expire.

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Registration - User Information

To begin your registration within the VEHCS system, first enter the following information about yourself and click the 'Next' button. Items marked * are required.

Name:
* First Name M.I. * Last Name

E-Mail Address:

* Organization Type: Veterinary Clinic Exporter


* User Role:

***Required for Accredited Veterinarians**

Important: In order to submit health certificates, valid license and accreditation information must be entered. If you choose to skip this step at this time, you will not be able to submit health certificates until you enter this information under Manage Account.

Printed Name:
Printed name will be displayed on the Health Certificate and should be formatted as First Name M.I. (optional) Last Name, Credential(s), such as John A. Smith, MPH, DVM

License Information <input type="button" value="Add A Row"/>			Accreditation Information <input type="button" value="Add A Row"/>		
License Number	Expiration Date <small>mm/dd/yyyy</small>	State	Accreditation Number	Expiration Date <small>mm/dd/yyyy</small>	State
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Massachusetts
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Select	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Select
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Enter Required Organization Information

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Registration Wizard - Create New Organization

Need Help ?

Please create a profile for your business organization. Only one profile per business organization is needed. As the organization administrator, you are responsible for adding and maintaining other VEHCS user accounts for your company or organization. When entering additional user accounts to your business organization, you should also designate at least one other user as an administrator.

Items marked * are required.

* Business Organization Name:

* Street Address:

* City:

* State/Territory:

* Zip Code:

* Phone: Fax:

E-Mail Address:

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Click “Continue” to go to the VEHCS Home screen

VEHCS Online Help for information on using VEHCS.' A red arrow points to a 'Continue' button. The footer contains links for 'USDA | APHIS | Veterinary Services | Export Information | Help/Contact Us'."/>

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Registration Wizard - Create Successful Need Help ?

Congratulations [redacted] you have successfully created the [redacted] organization in VEHCS. Click the 'Continue' button to start using VEHCS.

Please review [VEHCS Online Help](#) for information on using VEHCS.

[Continue](#)

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You'll access all the features of VEHCS from the home screen

The screenshot shows the VEHCS home page with a left sidebar and a main content area. Three callout boxes with arrows point to specific sections:

- Messages:** A box highlights the 'Messages' section, which contains a 'Pre-Purchase Account Balance: \$64' and a list of instructions for certificate submission, including requirements for payment, return shipping labels, and supporting documentation.
- What's New:** A box highlights the 'What's New' section, which features a 'Digital Signature' announcement and a note about clearing the browser cache.
- Spreadsheets:** A box highlights the 'Spreadsheets' section, which provides instructions on using the provided Excel templates for uploading commodity data.

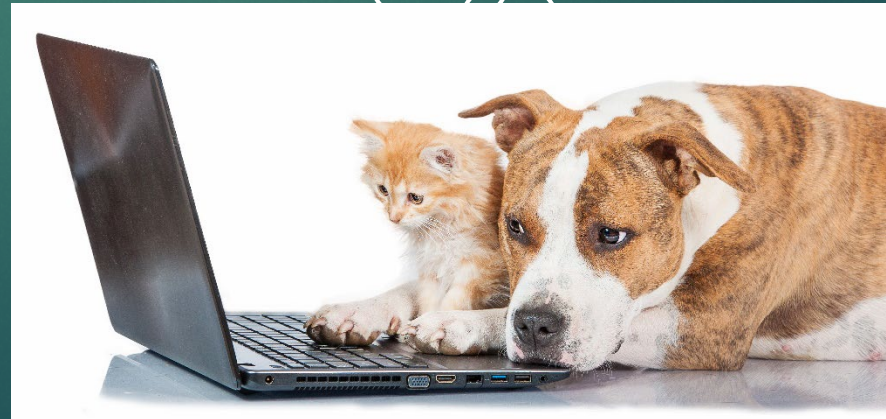
MESSAGES:
Additional information
on various VEHCS related
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WHAT'S NEW:
Alerts and system
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SPREADSHEETS:
For entering shipments
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So now may I issue
a VEHCs health
certificate?



Not quite. Payment must be available for endorsement.

- ▶ With the exception of service animals (dogs) belonging to individuals with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Military Working Dogs, payment must be provided at the time you submit the certificate in VEHCS and in order for USDA APHIS to endorse the health certificate.
 - ▶ While you do not have to pay the endorsement fee, it is your responsibility to ensure payment is available to USDA APHIS.
- ▶ Payment may be provided in VEHCS by either depositing funds in your VEHCS account or by entering your USDA APHIS User Fee Credit Account number into the “Comments: (Will NOT be printed on the certificate)” field of an individual health certificate. (This information will remain confidential and NOT be printed on the certificate.)
 - ▶ Don’t know the cost for endorsement of your health certificate? [The PTW explains the fees for endorsement of pet health certificates.](#) For all other exports, or if you still have questions, contact [your USDA Endorsement Office.](#)

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Messages

Pre-Purchase Account Balance: \$120

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 - If a laboratory test is required by the health certificate, the lab report must be submitted.
 - If an import permit number is required to be listed on the APHIS-endorsed health certificate, a copy of the permit must be submitted.
- Additional information about how to submit payment, supporting documentation, and pre-paid return shipping labels as **Attachments** can be found in the "Creating a Health Certificate" Quick Reference Guide in the Accredited Veterinarian section of the [VEHCS Support Page](#)
- Failure to provide all required documentation may result in a delay in endorsement.

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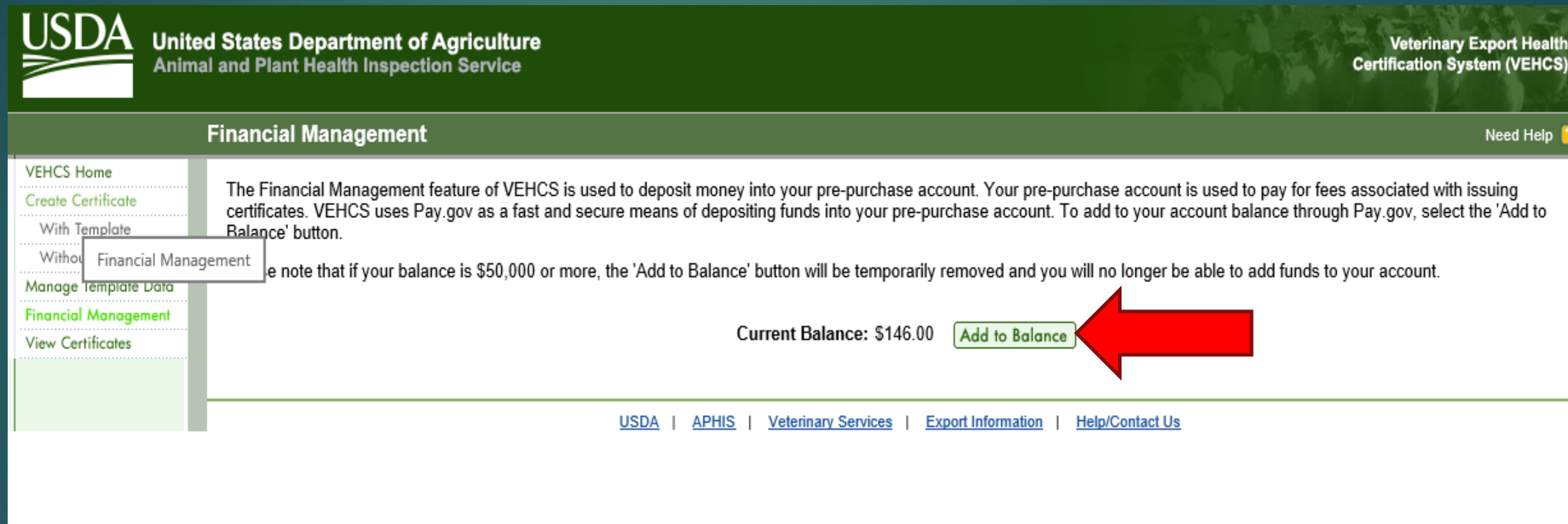
Spreadsheets

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Click on "Financial Management."

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The screenshot displays the USDA United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) interface. The page title is "Financial Management" and includes a "Need Help" link. The left sidebar contains navigation options: "VEHCS Home", "Create Certificate" (with sub-options "With Template" and "Without Template"), "Manage Template Data", "Financial Management", and "View Certificates". The main content area explains that the Financial Management feature is used to deposit money into a pre-purchase account. It states that the account is used to pay for fees associated with issuing certificates and that VEHCS uses Pay.gov for deposits. A note specifies that if the balance is \$50,000 or more, the "Add to Balance" button is temporarily removed. The current balance is shown as \$146.00, and the "Add to Balance" button is highlighted with a red arrow.

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The Financial Management feature of VEHCS is used to deposit money into your pre-purchase account. Your pre-purchase account is used to pay for fees associated with issuing certificates. VEHCS uses Pay.gov as a fast and secure means of depositing funds into your pre-purchase account. To add to your account balance through Pay.gov, select the 'Add to Balance' button.

Please note that if your balance is \$50,000 or more, the 'Add to Balance' button will be temporarily removed and you will no longer be able to add funds to your account.

Current Balance: \$146.00 [Add to Balance](#)

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System Message

- The system has populated the Payment Date with the next available payment date.

Online Payment [Return to your originating application](#)

Step 1: Enter Payment Information 1 | 2 | 3

Pay Via Bank Account (ACH) [About ACH Debit](#)

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk *

Account Holder Name: *

Payment Amount: *

Account Type: *

Routing Number: *

Account Number: *

Confirm Account Number: *

Check Number:

Routing Number: 026946763
Account Number: 9243767390
Check Number: 234

Payment Date: 11/20/2018
VEHCS Organization ID: 4101

Select the "Continue with ACH Payment" button to continue to the next step in the ACH Debit Payment Process.

Note: Please avoid navigating the site using your browser's Back Button - this may lead to incomplete data being transmitted and pages being loaded incorrectly. Please use the links provided whenever possible.

Pay Via Plastic Card (PC) (ex: American Express, Discover, Mastercard, VISA)

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk *

Account Holder Name: *

Payment Amount: *

Billing Address: *


Billing Address 2:

City:

State / Province:

Zip / Postal Code:

Country: United States

Card Type: * 

Card Number: * (Card number value should not contain spaces or dashes)

Security Code: [Click for your security code](#)

Expiration Date: / *

VEHCS Organization ID: 4101

Select the "Continue with Plastic Card Payment" button to continue to the next step in the Plastic Card Payment Process.

You may pay with either a Bank Account or Credit Card

For either choice, enter all required fields.

Also, you may need to provide a return shipping label.

- ▶ Endorsed health certificates printed directly from VEHCS can only be used for travel when the destination country accepts both your digital signature and USDA APHIS's digital signature and endorsement.
- ▶ For the destination countries that do not accept USDA APHIS's digital signature and endorsement, and are instead wet ink signed and physically embossed (orange, and some commodities for purple and yellow, banner countries), a return shipping label must be provided to receive the endorsed health certificate back from your USDA Endorsement Office to you or your client.

If a return shipping label is needed

- ▶ You will upload the pre-paid return shipping label as an attachment when you issue the health certificate.
 - ▶ The return shipping label must be pre-paid, and it must contain the name and address of the recipient (person the health certificate is being returned to after endorsement) in **both** the “sent from” and “sent to” fields of the label.
 - ▶ Need help with shipping labels? Contact the courier of your choice for more information.
 - ▶ You may also request return with USPS First Class Mail. To request this option, include a note with the address to which the health certificate should be sent in the “Comments: (Will NOT be printed on the certificate)” field. (This will NOT be printed on the actual certificate.)

If you need to discuss the health certificate with USDA

- ▶ You may directly contact [your USDA Endorsement Office](#).
- ▶ You may also write a note for your USDA Endorsement Office in the “Comments: (Will NOT be printed on the certificate)” field.
 - ▶ Examples of comments include:
 - ▶ A phone number you may be reached at if USDA has questions.
 - ▶ If the health certificate will be picked up in person at the USDA Endorsement Office. *Check with your USDA Endorsement Office first to confirm this is an option.*

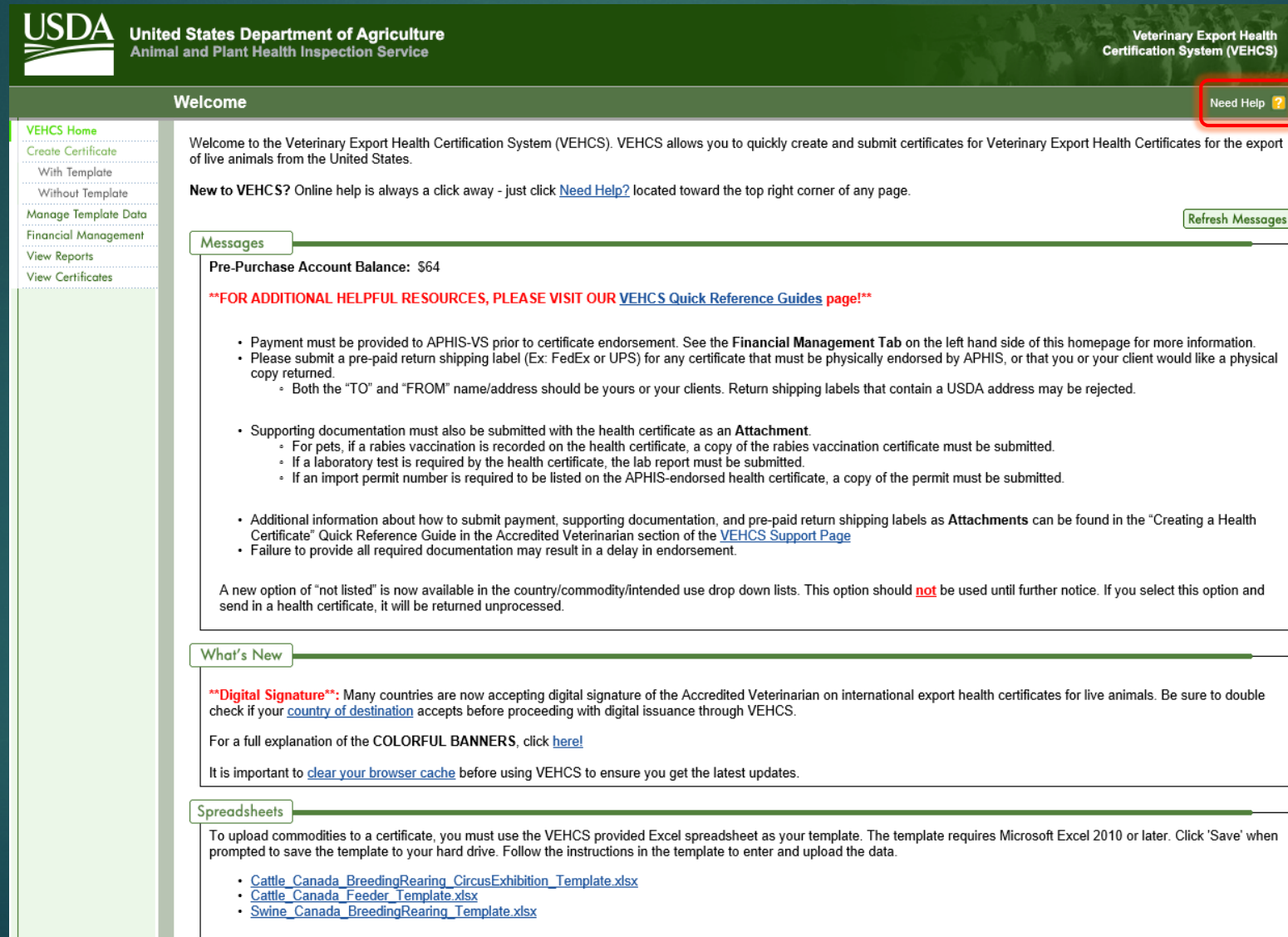
Thanks for that info.
Now may I issue the
VEHCS health
certificate?



Just One More Thing

- ▶ If you need help with VEHCS at any point, check the VEHCS Online Help Manual. If that doesn't answer your question, contact the PCIT Help Desk at pcithelpdesk@aphis.usda.gov or 1-866-HLP-PCIT (1-866-457-7248) for IT assistance, and your [USDA Endorsement Office](#) for technical questions.
- ▶ Don't forget VEHCS Quick Reference Guides are also available!
<https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/vehcs/faces/support/userguides.html>

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Pre-Purchase Account Balance: \$64

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A new option of "not listed" items can now be added to a health certificate, and the user can send in a health certificate, and the user can send in a health certificate.

What's New

****Digital Signature**:** Digital endorsed Health Certificates for the export of live animals from the United States.

1. Sweetgrass, MT/Coutts, AB
2. Eastport, ID/Kingsgate, BC
3. Sumas, WA/Abbotsford-Hudon, BC
4. Oroville, WA/Osoyoos, BC

Other U.S. trading partners are available. For more information, contact the PCIT Help Desk.

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To upload commodities to a certificate, the user is prompted to save the template.

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Welcome to VEHCS

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VEHCS allows you to quickly create and submit certificates for Veterinary Export Health Certificates for the export of live animals/animal products from the United States. The Web-based VEHCS application is developed to meet the following objectives:

- [Creation](#)
- [Review](#)
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- [Payment](#)
- [Printing](#)

VEHCS facilitates the work flow of the certificates from creation to printing and enables users, based on [user role](#) and organization, access to the certificate as it progresses to a final Completed status.

This Help is designed both as a course in using VEHCS and as an ongoing reference while you are working with certificates. To view the Help file, click the [Need Help](#) link at the top right of the page.

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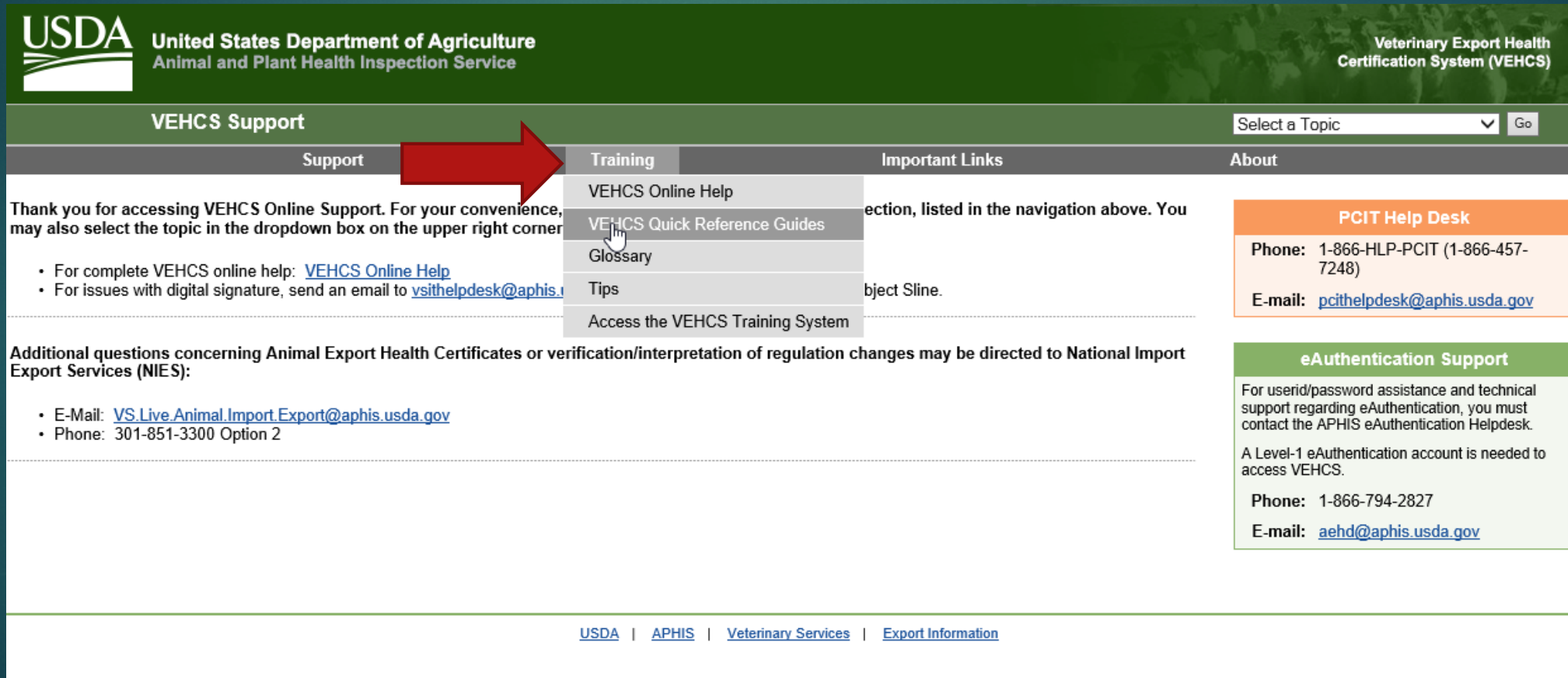
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The screenshot shows the USDA website header with the logo and text: "United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" and "Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)". Below the header is a navigation bar with "Support", "Training", "Important Links", and "About". A red arrow points to the "Training" menu, which is open and shows "VEHCS Quick Reference Guides" as the selected option. Other menu items include "VEHCS Online Help", "Glossary", "Tips", and "Access the VEHCS Training System".

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Support **Training** Important Links About

Thank you for accessing VEHCS Online Support. For your convenience, you may also select the topic in the dropdown box on the upper right corner.

- For complete VEHCS online help: [VEHCS Online Help](#)
- For issues with digital signature, send an email to vsithelpdesk@aphis.usda.gov

Additional questions concerning Animal Export Health Certificates or verification/interpretation of regulation changes may be directed to National Import Export Services (NIES):

- E-Mail: VS.Live.Animal.Import.Export@aphis.usda.gov
- Phone: 301-851-3300 Option 2

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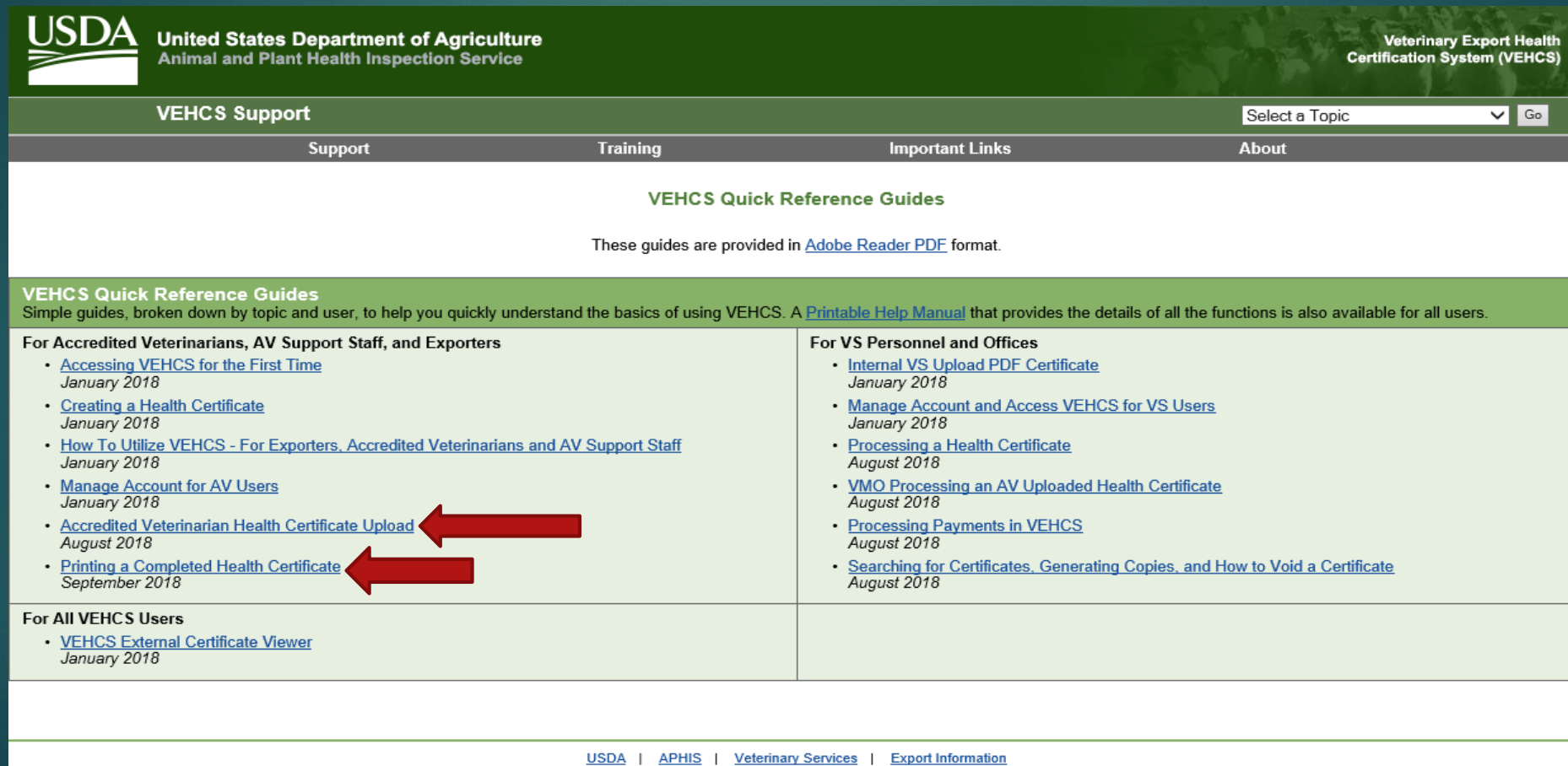
For userid/password assistance and technical support regarding eAuthentication, you must contact the APHIS eAuthentication Helpdesk.

A Level-1 eAuthentication account is needed to access VEHCS.

Phone: 1-866-794-2827
E-mail: ahed@aphis.usda.gov

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The screenshot shows the USDA website for the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). The page is titled "VEHCS Support" and features a navigation menu with "Support", "Training", "Important Links", and "About". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "VEHCS Quick Reference Guides" and includes a note that the guides are provided in Adobe Reader PDF format. Below this, there is a section titled "VEHCS Quick Reference Guides" with a brief description. The main content is organized into three columns: "For Accredited Veterinarians, AV Support Staff, and Exporters", "For VS Personnel and Offices", and "For All VEHCS Users". Each column contains a list of links to various guides, with red arrows pointing to "Accredited Veterinarian Health Certificate Upload" and "Printing a Completed Health Certificate" in the first column.

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These guides are provided in [Adobe Reader PDF](#) format.

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Simple guides, broken down by topic and user, to help you quickly understand the basics of using VEHCS. A [Printable Help Manual](#) that provides the details of all the functions is also available for all users.

For Accredited Veterinarians, AV Support Staff, and Exporters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessing VEHCS for the First Time <i>January 2018</i>• Creating a Health Certificate <i>January 2018</i>• How To Utilize VEHCS - For Exporters, Accredited Veterinarians and AV Support Staff <i>January 2018</i>• Manage Account for AV Users <i>January 2018</i>• Accredited Veterinarian Health Certificate Upload <i>August 2018</i>• Printing a Completed Health Certificate <i>September 2018</i>	For VS Personnel and Offices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal VS Upload PDF Certificate <i>January 2018</i>• Manage Account and Access VEHCS for VS Users <i>January 2018</i>• Processing a Health Certificate <i>August 2018</i>• VMO Processing an AV Uploaded Health Certificate <i>August 2018</i>• Processing Payments in VEHCS <i>August 2018</i>• Searching for Certificates, Generating Copies, and How to Void a Certificate <i>August 2018</i>
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You know what I'm
going to ask...





Yes, now you are ready to submit health certificates in VEHCS. We'll walk you through how to use the VEHCS Defined certificate and the AV PDF Health Certificate Upload.



VEHCS Defined Certificate

A Cat Traveling to India

- ▶ While reviewing your appointment calendar for the next day, you see your first appointment is for a cat traveling to India.
- ▶ How should you prepare for this appointment?



Check the PTW for the destination country's import regulations

- ▶ [Visit the USDA APHIS PTW.](#)
- ▶ Select India from the Export dropdown menu.
- ▶ Note the **green banner** indicating digital signatures are accepted for both the AV and USDA APHIS in VEHCS.
- ▶ Follow the import regulations in the dropdown bar for Pet Dogs and Cats.

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ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACCEPTED

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Digital Signature Accepted
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Digital Signature Accepted

Details: Health certificates may be issued electronically by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by the APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer through the online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). *The APHIS embossed seal is not required.*

NOTE: A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment.

IMPORTANT

Carefully read ALL of the requirements related to your pet on this page.

- ◆ This page provides the most recent entry requirements and can change without notice.
- ◆ It is the responsibility of the veterinarian to make sure the pet has met all the requirements of the destination country before issuing a health certificate.
- ◆ Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.
- ◆ Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.

New and Returning Users, Access VEHCS [HERE](#)

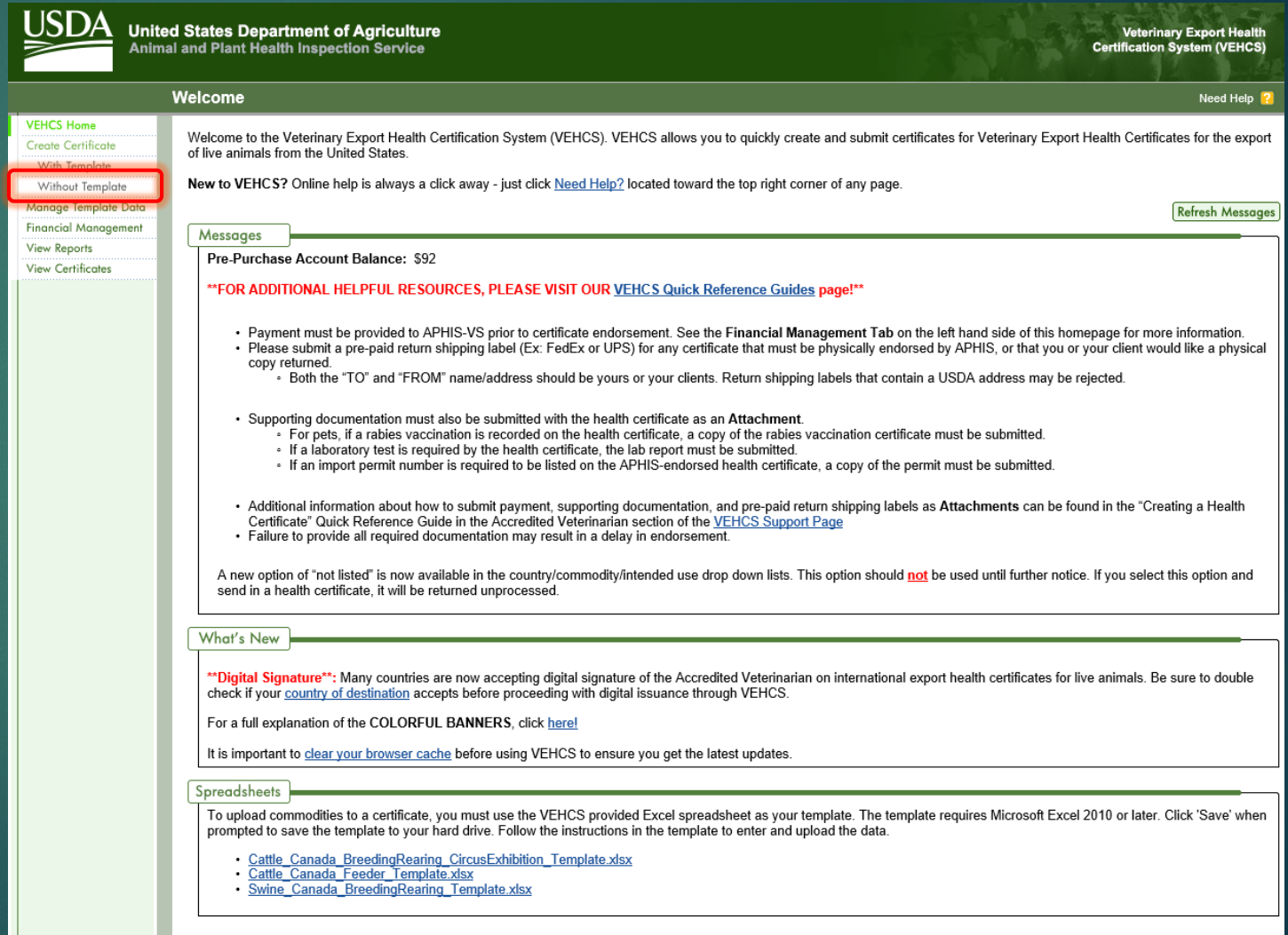
Need Help? Click [HERE](#) to view step-by-step guides for using VEHCS, or contact the dedicated [VEHCS Help Line](#)

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Creating the Certificate

- ▶ Access the VEHCS website and login (link provided on the PTW directly under green banner).
- ▶ Select “Create a Certificate *without a template.*”



The screenshot displays the VEHCS (Veterinary Export Health Certification System) website. At the top, the USDA logo and 'United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service' are visible on the left, and 'Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)' is on the right. A green banner at the top contains the text 'Welcome' and a 'Need Help?' link. The left navigation menu includes 'VEHCS Home', 'Create Certificate', 'Without Template' (highlighted with a red box), 'Manage Template Data', 'Financial Management', 'View Reports', and 'View Certificates'. The main content area features a 'Messages' section with a 'Pre-Purchase Account Balance: \$92' and a notice: '**FOR ADDITIONAL HELPFUL RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT OUR VEHCS Quick Reference Guides page!**'. Below this, there are several bullet points providing instructions on payment, supporting documentation, and additional information. A 'What's New' section follows, mentioning 'Digital Signature' and providing a link for more information. Finally, a 'Spreadsheets' section lists three Excel templates for download: 'Cattle_Canada_BreedingRearing_CircusExhibition_Template.xlsx', 'Cattle_Canada_Feeder_Template.xlsx', and 'Swine_Canada_BreedingRearing_Template.xlsx'.

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Welcome Need Help ?

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Welcome to the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). VEHCS allows you to quickly create and submit certificates for Veterinary Export Health Certificates for the export of live animals from the United States.

New to VEHCS? Online help is always a click away - just click [Need Help?](#) located toward the top right corner of any page. Refresh Messages

Messages

Pre-Purchase Account Balance: \$92

****FOR ADDITIONAL HELPFUL RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT OUR VEHCS Quick Reference Guides page!****

- Payment must be provided to APHIS-VS prior to certificate endorsement. See the **Financial Management Tab** on the left hand side of this homepage for more information.
- Please submit a pre-paid return shipping label (Ex: FedEx or UPS) for any certificate that must be physically endorsed by APHIS, or that you or your client would like a physical copy returned.
 - Both the "TO" and "FROM" name/address should be yours or your clients. Return shipping labels that contain a USDA address may be rejected.
- Supporting documentation must also be submitted with the health certificate as an **Attachment**.
 - For pets, if a rabies vaccination is recorded on the health certificate, a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted.
 - If a laboratory test is required by the health certificate, the lab report must be submitted.
 - If an import permit number is required to be listed on the APHIS-endorsed health certificate, a copy of the permit must be submitted.
- Additional information about how to submit payment, supporting documentation, and pre-paid return shipping labels as **Attachments** can be found in the "Creating a Health Certificate" Quick Reference Guide in the Accredited Veterinarian section of the [VEHCS Support Page](#)
- Failure to provide all required documentation may result in a delay in endorsement.

A new option of "not listed" is now available in the country/commodity/intended use drop down lists. This option should **not** be used until further notice. If you select this option and send in a health certificate, it will be returned unprocessed.

What's New

****Digital Signature****: Many countries are now accepting digital signature of the Accredited Veterinarian on international export health certificates for live animals. Be sure to double check if your [country of destination](#) accepts before proceeding with digital issuance through VEHCS.

For a full explanation of the **COLORFUL BANNERS**, click [here!](#)

It is important to [clear your browser cache](#) before using VEHCS to ensure you get the latest updates.

Spreadsheets

To upload commodities to a certificate, you must use the VEHCS provided Excel spreadsheet as your template. The template requires Microsoft Excel 2010 or later. Click 'Save' when prompted to save the template to your hard drive. Follow the instructions in the template to enter and upload the data.

- [Cattle_Canada_BreedingRearing_CircusExhibition_Template.xlsx](#)
- [Cattle_Canada_Feeder_Template.xlsx](#)
- [Swine_Canada_BreedingRearing_Template.xlsx](#)

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Please enter the required information on each of the Certificate Step by Step pages. When complete, go to Summary/Submit to submit the certificate. If you would like to finish the certificate at a later time, you may save the certificate as a work in progress. You may also save the certificate as a template.

Items marked * are required.

First, select your Destination Country.

* Destination Country:

Then, choose your Commodity Type, Intended Use, and Type of Admission selection and click the 'Next' button. If "Commodity not Listed" is not an option, OR the desired Commodity Type, Intended Use, or Type of Admission is not listed, please refer to the [IRegs for Animal Exports](#) website or contact your local [Service Center](#).

* Commodity Type:

* Type of Admission:

Next

Important: The Destination Country and Commodity Type cannot be changed for this certificate after clicking the 'Next' button.

Select India from the dropdown menu

Select commodity type, then type of admission.

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- ▶ Note that items marked with a red asterisk (*) are required fields.
- ▶ If a required field is not completed, you will not be allowed to advance to the next step.
- ▶ You do **not** have to complete a field if it is not marked required and if that information isn't required by the destination country.

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* Commodity Type:

* Type of Admission:

Important: The Destination Country and Commodity Type cannot be changed for this certificate after clicking the 'Next' button.

Step – General Information: Origin

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Items marked * are required.

Commodity Origin Information

Enter the location where the commodities have been quarantined or gathered prior to shipment.

* Place of Origin Name:

* Street Address:

* City:

* State/Territory:
Note: Only States/Territories in which your organization AVs or contracted AVs are accredited should be selected.

* Zip Code:

Inspection Date:
(Single date or date range)

Issuing VS Field Office:

* Consignor:

* Consignee:
Note: Only Consignees from the country selected as the certificate's destination country will be displayed.

ORIGIN- Where is the cat located?

All boxes marked with a red * are required to be completed.

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Items marked * are required.

Commodity Origin Information

Enter the location where the commodities have been quarantined or gathered prior to shipment.

* Place of Origin Name: Smith Residence

* Street Address: 123 State Street

* City: Albany

* State/Territory: New York

* Zip Code: 12205

Inspection Date: (Single date or date range)

Issuing VS Field Office: New York

* Consignor: Bob Smith Add

* Consignee: Bob Smith Add

* Consignor Name/Business Name: Bob Smith

Consignor Alias Name:

Consignor Contact Person Name:

* Street Address: 123 Main Street

* City: Albany

* State/Territory/Province: New York

* Zip/Postal Code: 12205

* Country: United States

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail Address:

Cancel Save & Back Save & Add Another

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CONSIGNOR- What is the owner's contact information in the U.S.?

All boxes marked with a red * are required to be completed.

Step – General Information: Consignee

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Items marked * are required.

Commodity Origin Information

Enter the location where the commodities have been quarantined or gathered prior to shipment.

* Place of Origin Name: Smith Residence

* Street Address: 123 State Street

* City: Albany

* State/Territory: New York

Note: Only States/Territories in which your organization AVs or contracted AVs

* Zip Code: 12205

Inspection Date: (Single date or date range)

Issuing VS Field Office: New York

* Consignor: Bob Smith Add

* Consignee: Bob Smith Add

Note: Only Consignees from the country selected as the certificate's destination country will be

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*** Consignee** Name/Business Name: Bob Smith

Consignee Contact Person Name:

Street Address:

* City: Mumbai

State/Territory/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

* Country: India

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail Address:

Cancel Save & Back Save & Add Another

CONSIGNEE- What is the owner's contact information in India?

All boxes marked with a red * are required to be completed.

Step – Export and Shipping Information

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Export & Shipping

Items marked * are required.

Country of Origin: USA
State of Origin: New York
Country of Destination: India

* Accredited Veterinarian: Note: The Internal Accredited Veterinarian dropdown will only be populated with applicable Accredited Veterinarians after the Origin State/Territory has been selected on the General screen.
Av B. User, DVM
License Number: 1234
Accreditation Number: 3985703987

* Port of Embarkation/Border Crossing: NY - New York - Airport
If Other, More Details:

* Estimated Date Of Shipment: 04/01/2019
mm/dd/yyyy

* Means of Transport: Airplane
Means of Transport Identification:

Number of Containers:
Container Description: Select
If Other, More Details:

Identification/Seal Numbers: Add

List of Identification/Seal Numbers	
Identification/Seal Number	Delete
	Select All

No Identification/Seal Numbers have been added.

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All boxes marked with a red * are required to be completed.

Step – Commodities Information

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Commodities

Description of Commodity: Cats

Remember to save your data periodically, especially when entering a large number of commodities.

Before entering commodity information, you must first define the commodity data. This data could include but is not limited to: animal ID, breed, sex, testing date, vaccination date and/or treatment date. Follow the instructions in Step 1 to create the Commodities table. Then follow the instructions in Step 2 to generate the required number of rows. The Commodities table will be displayed below.

Enter Commodity Information

To enter commodity information, enter the number of rows to generate and click the 'Generate Rows' button. You can also select default data before clicking the 'Generate Rows' button. If you need to add more rows after generating the table, enter the additional number in Number of Rows and click the 'Generate Rows' button. The rows will appear at the end of the existing table. Previously entered data will not be lost.

Number of Rows: 1 Note: You may only add 100 rows at a time.

Default Microchip Number: 123456789123456

Default Breed: DSH

Default Age or Date of Birth: 2/2/2015

Default Sex: FS

Default Color: Black

Default Coat Type & Distinctive Markings:

Generate Rows

Row	Microchip Number	Breed	Age or Date of Birth	Sex	Color	Coat Type & Distinctive Markings	Delete Select All
No commodity rows have been added.							

* Total Quantity: 1

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▶ Number of rows = total quantity of animals (e.g., when multiple animals are included in one certificate).

▶ Complete requested identification information.

▶ Click “Generate Rows.”

▶ Input Total Quantity.

▶ Click “Next.”

Step - Select Certification Statements

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Certification Statements

The certificate must include the following certifications. Support staff may enter dates, test names and other details to complete the certification statements if applicable. Only Accredited Veterinarians may select the certification statements. (Select all that apply.)

Important: All certification statements must be selected before submitting the health certificate to USDA. Please review the [guidelines](#) at USDA IREGS before certifying.

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, hereby certify that the cat(s) described above and examined on this day:

Show/shows no clinical sign of any disease including rabies, feline enteritis, feline pan leukopenia, leptospirosis, distemper, scabies, aujeszky's disease, toxoplasmosis, etc.

Has/have been vaccinated for rabies (in case it is more than three months of age) within the time limit recommended by the manufacturer of the vaccine licensed and approved by the exporting country.

Rabies vaccination information: See table below.

Countries visited over the past two years by the cats(s) as declared by the owner (list country and dates):

This certificate is valid for 30 days after issuance.

Name of USDA-Accredited Veterinarian:
National Accreditation Number (NAN 6 digits):
Address, Phone #, and Email of Accredited Veterinarian:

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▶ All certification statements need to be selected or the system will not allow you to proceed with submission.

▶ Enter any required information in the boxes provided.

▶ Click “Next.”

Step – Certification Table Information

The screenshot displays the USDA VEHCS interface for creating an international animal export health certificate. The page title is "Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate". The tracking number is 11477, and the certificate content is "Cats to India". The left sidebar shows navigation options, with "Certification Tables" highlighted. The main content area shows a table with one row for "Rabies vaccination information" and an "Edit" button. A red box highlights the "Edit" button and the table row. A red text box above the table provides instructions: "To enter data, click the 'Edit' button for each table in the Certification Tables list. At least one row is required for each table." Below the table are buttons for "Previous", "Save as Work in Progress", and "Next".

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Certification Tables

To enter data, click the 'Edit' button for each table in the Certification Tables list. At least one row is required for each table.

Certification Tables	
Table Order ↓	Table Title ↓
1	Rabies vaccination information: Edit

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RABIES VACCINATION INFORMATION –
Add the most recent, valid rabies vaccination information for each animal. (Attach vaccine certificate(s) during the next step.)

Step – Certification Table Information

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Certification Table

Remember to save your data periodically, especially when entering a large number of rows.


Generate Additional Test/Treatment Information Rows

To enter commodity information, enter the number of rows to generate and click the 'Generate Rows' button. You can also select default data before clicking the 'Generate Rows' button.

If you need to add more rows after generating the table, enter the additional number in Number of Rows and click the 'Generate Rows' button. The rows will appear at the end of the existing table. Previously entered data will not be lost.


Number of Rows: Note: You may only add 100 rows at a time.


Default Microchip Number:

Default Date of Rabies Vaccination: 
mm/dd/yyyy

Default Name of Vaccine:

Default Batch Number:

Default Period of Validity From: 
mm/dd/yyyy

Default Period of Validity To: 
mm/dd/yyyy

Rabies vaccination information:

Row	Microchip Number	Date of Rabies Vaccination mm/dd/yyyy	Name of Vaccine	Batch Number	Period of Validity From mm/dd/yyyy	Period of Validity To mm/dd/yyyy	<input type="button" value="Delete"/> <input type="button" value="Select All"/>
No data rows have been added.							

▶ Complete required vaccination information.

▶ Click “Generate Rows.”

▶ Click “Save.”

Step – Certification Table Information

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Certification Tables

To enter data, click the 'Edit' button for each table in the Certification Tables list. At least one row is required for each table.

Certification Tables	
Table Order	Table Title
1	Rabies vaccination information: Edit

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▶ Click “Next.”

Step – Attachment Information

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Attachments

Attachments can be added to your submission. Examples of attachments include import permits, lab results, shipping labels, rabies certificates, etc. There is a 20 megabyte total for all attachments with a 10 megabyte limit per attachment and a 300 kilobyte limit per image.

List of Attachments				
File Name ▲	Description ▼	Statement Attachment ▼	Date Added ▼	
No attachments have been added.				

Add Attachment

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- ▶ Click “**Add Attachment.**”
- ▶ Include ALL pertinent items (e.g. rabies vaccination certificate).

*While not applicable to this example, for orange, and some yellow and purple, banner countries, your prepaid return label would be uploaded here as well.

Step – Attachment Information

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File Upload

Click the 'Browse' button to select the file from your computer to upload. Long file names will be truncated to 40 characters (including the file extension). Items marked * are required.

* File Location: X:\Rabies Certificate.pdf
(.gif, .jpg, or .pdf)

* File Description: Rabies Certificate ▾

If Other, More Details:
(40 characters max)

- ▶ Use the “**Browse**” button to find the .gif, .jpg, or .pdf file.
- ▶ Enter the File Description.
- ▶ Click “**Upload.**”

Step – Attachment Information

The screenshot displays the USDA United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) interface. The main heading is "Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate". The tracking number is 11477, and the certificate content is "Cats to India". The left sidebar shows a navigation menu with "Attachments" highlighted in red. The main content area includes a "List of Attachments" table with one entry: "Rabies certificate.pdf" (Rabies Certificate, Statement Attachment: N, Date Added: 03/28/2019). Below the table is an "Add Attachment" button. At the bottom, a "Next" button is highlighted in red, indicating the next step in the process.

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File Name ▲	Description ▼	Statement Attachment ▼	Date Added ▼		
Rabies certificate.pdf	Rabies Certificate	N	03/28/2019	Delete	Download

Add Attachment

Previous Save as Work in Progress **Next**

- ▶ Once all required attachments are added, click “Next.”

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Please review the information that you have provided for the certificate. Select 'Edit' to make changes to the associated part of the certificate. Carefully review your certificate and then click the 'Submit Certificate' button.

Destination Country:	India	Edit
Commodity Type:	Cats	
Type of Admission:	Temporary Admission	Edit
Certificate Type:	VEHCS Defined	

Business Contact Information:	Animal Veterinary Care Hospital (Org ID 4101) 15 Main Street Salinas, CA 93906 Phone: (831)455-2498 Fax: E-Mail Address: vet@velthospital.com	
Place of Origin Name:	Smith Residence	
Place of Origin Address:	123 State Street Albany, NY 12205	
Inspection Date:		
Issuing VS Field Office:	New York	
Consignor:	Bob Smith 123 Main Street Albany, NY 12205 United States Phone: Fax: E-Mail Address:	Edit
Consignee:	Bob Smith Mumbai, India Phone: Fax: E-Mail Address:	

Accredited Veterinarian:	Av B. User, DVM License Number: 1234	
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▶ **Prior to submission, you should review all information for completeness and accuracy.**

▶ You may edit any information from the summary page by clicking on “**Edit**” next to the applicable section.

▶ An alternative way to view the health certificate is by clicking “**View Certificate Draft.**”

Step – Summary and Submit

Accredited Veterinarian: Av B. User, DVM License Number: 1234 Accreditation Number: 3985703987		Edit					
Port of Embarkation/Border Crossing:	NY - New York - Airport						
Estimated Date Of Shipment:	04/01/2019						
Means of Transport:	Airplane						
Means of Transport Identification:							
Number of Containers:							
Container Description:							
Identification/Seal Numbers:							
Description of Commodity: Cats		Edit					
Total Quantity:	1						
Commodities							
Row	Microchip Number	Breed	Age or Date of Birth	Sex	Color	Coat Type & Distinctive Markings	
1	123456789123456	DSH	2/2/2015	FS	Black		
Certification Statements:							Edit
1. I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, hereby certify that the cat(s) described above and examined on this day:							
a. Show/shows no clinical sign of any disease including rabies, feline enteritis, feline pan leukopenia, leptospirosis, distemper, scabies, ajeszky's disease, toxoplasmosis, etc.							
b. Has/have been vaccinated for rabies (in case it is more than three months of age) within the time limit recommended by the manufacturer of the vaccine licensed and approved by the exporting country.							
2. Rabies vaccination information: See table below.							
3. Countries visited over the past two years by the cats(s) as declared by the owner (list country and dates): N/A							
This certificate is valid for 30 days after issuance.							
Name of USDA-Accredited Veterinarian: Av B. User, DVM National Accreditation Number (NAN 6 digits): 123456 Address, Phone #, and Email of Accredited Veterinarian: 1 Main Street Albany, NY 12205 (555) 123 - 4567 youremailaddress@vethospitalname.com							
Certification Tables:							

Step – Summary and Submit

Name of USDA Accredited Veterinarian: AV Dr. Scott DVM
National Accreditation Number (NAN 6 digits): 123456
Address, Phone #, and Email of Accredited Veterinarian: 1 Main Street Albany, NY 12205 (555) 123 - 4567 youremailaddress@vethospitalname.com

Certification Tables:

Rabies vaccination information:

Microchip Number ↕	Date of Rabies Vaccination ↕	Name of Vaccine ↕	Batch Number ↕	Period of Validity From ↕	Period of Validity To ↕
123456789123456	02/01/2019	Purevax	12345A	02/01/2019	02/01/2020

Edit

Attachments: 1 attachment(s) added to this certificate.

Edit

Additional Information:
(Will be printed on the certificate)

Comments:
(Will NOT be printed on the certificate)

- By submission of this certificate, I certify that the information presented is accurate and I legally sign this document. I also acknowledge that any applicable fees will be charged upon endorsement and completion of this certificate.
- I have uploaded the appropriate lab results on the Attachments screen as applicable.

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Submit Certificate

Enter any notes to your USDA Endorsement Office here (not required).

Review and select the acknowledgement statements. Then click Submit Certificate.

Successful submission



The screenshot shows the USDA VEHCS website interface. At the top left is the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service". At the top right is "Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)". The main heading is "Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate". A navigation menu on the left includes "VEHCS Home", "Create Certificate" (with sub-options "With Template" and "Without Template"), "Manage Template Data", "Financial Management", "View Reports", and "View Certificates". The main content area contains the following text: "Your Veterinary Export Health Certificate for the Export of Cats from the United States to India has been submitted on Thursday March 28, 2019 at 04:31 PM Central Daylight Time." "submitted on" is highlighted with a red box. Below this, it says "The Veterinary Services Field Office will review the certificate. Upon approval, the certificate will be endorsed and the status updated to Completed. Please contact your local USDA APHIS VS Field Office with any inquiries." Then, "For any future communication about this certificate, please use the tracking number 11477." "tracking number 11477" is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the main content area is a "Save as Template" button, also highlighted with a red box.

Save as Template Option: Allows you to save the Consignor, Consignee, and Commodity Table (when applicable) for future trips.

USDA Review and Endorsement

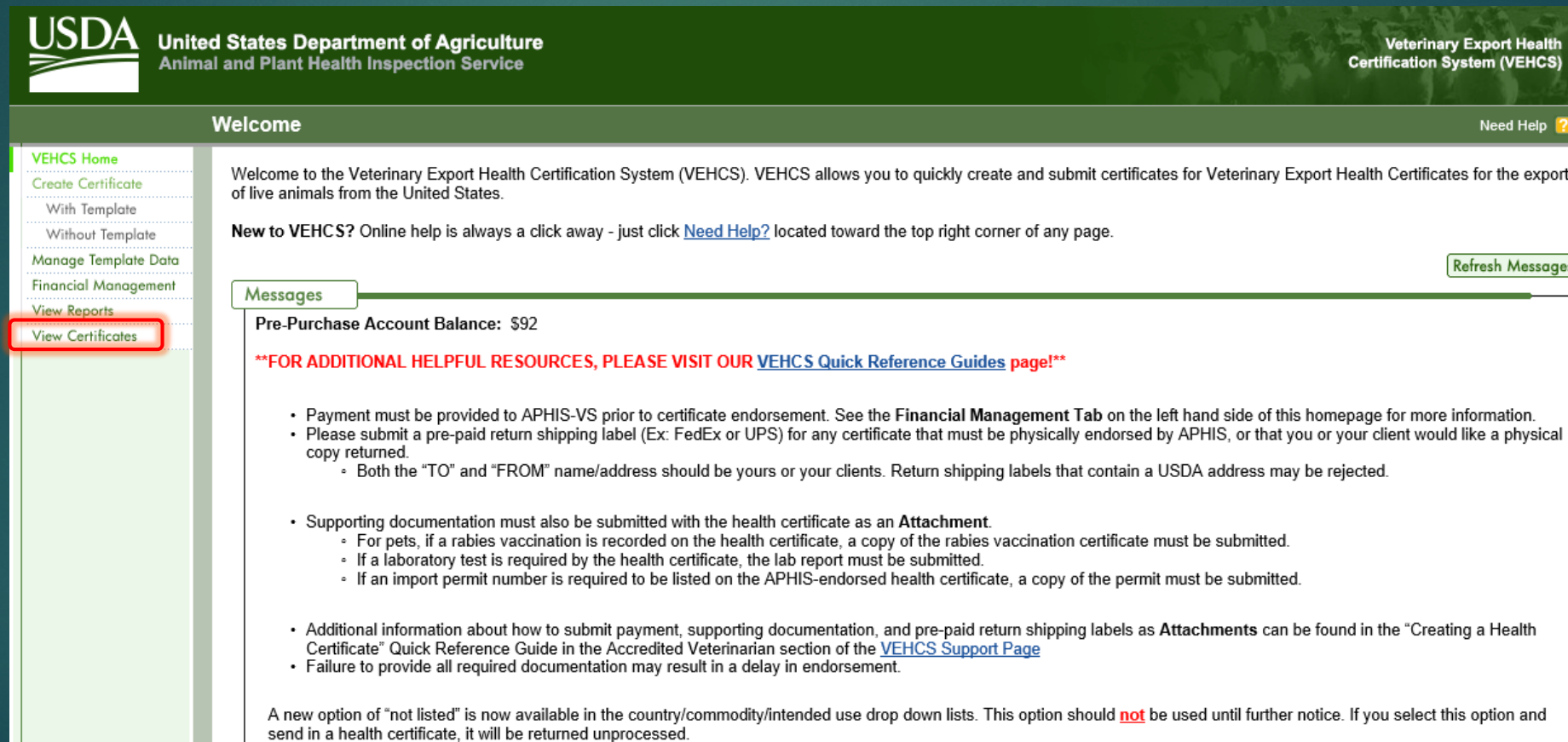
- ▶ When the certificate is received in VEHCS, the USDA Endorsement Office will review it and supporting documentation.
- ▶ If everything is in order and payment was provided, the certificate will be endorsed.
- ▶ Once the certificate is officially endorsed, it will either be:
 - ▶ Returned to you or your client with the pre-paid shipping label you provided if the destination country does **not** accept USDA APHIS's digital endorsement.
 - ▶ This is when USDA APHIS must wet ink sign and physically emboss the printed paper health certificate (for orange, and some commodities for yellow and purple, banner countries).
 - ▶ Ready for you to view and print for your client if the destination country accepts USDA APHIS's digital endorsement. This applies to green, and some commodities for yellow and purple, banner countries.
 - ▶ **How will you know when it's endorsed? Keep an eye on the certificate's status in VEHCS. Once the status changes to "completed," the certificate is ready to print.**

Don't forget!

- ▶ *A printed, paper hardcopy of the endorsed health certificate must travel with all animals when they travel.*
- ▶ *Ensure the printed hardcopy does **not** contain a “COPY” watermark.*

Steps for Printing the Certificate

▶ Click “View Certificates.”



The screenshot shows the USDA VEHCS website interface. The top navigation bar includes the USDA logo and the text 'United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service' on the left, and 'Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a 'Welcome' section with a 'Need Help ?' link. A left-hand navigation menu lists several options: 'VEHCS Home', 'Create Certificate' (with sub-options 'With Template' and 'Without Template'), 'Manage Template Data', 'Financial Management', 'View Reports', and 'View Certificates'. The 'View Certificates' link is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The main content area displays a 'Messages' section with a 'Refresh Messages' button. The message content includes a 'Pre-Purchase Account Balance: \$92' and a bolded instruction: '**FOR ADDITIONAL HELPFUL RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT OUR [VEHCS Quick Reference Guides](#) page!**'. Below this are several bullet points providing detailed instructions on payment, supporting documentation, and the consequences of missing information. At the bottom of the message, a note states that a 'not listed' option is available in certain dropdown menus and should not be used until further notice.

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Steps for Printing the Certificate

- ▶ Search for the certificate by:

Status (“Completed”) and date range

OR

VEHCS Tracking Number

OR

USDA Certificate Number

- ▶ Then click “Search.”

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View Certificates

Need Help ?

Please enter search criteria to view a list of certificates. From the resulting list, you will have the option to view, edit, and delete certain certificates. You may also manage the completed certificates by clicking on the 'Manage' button.

Status:

and

Date Range: to
mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

Create Date
 Submitted Date
 Submitted To AV
 Endorsed Date

or

Tracking Number:

or

Certificate Number:

List of Certificates

Tracking / Certificate Number	Status	Est. Date of Shipment	Endorsed Date	Species	Destination Country			
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Steps for Printing the Certificate

- ▶ When you find the certificate you are looking for, click **“Manage.”**

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Status: All

and

Date Range: 03/18/2019 to 03/31/2019
mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

Create Date
 Submitted Date
 Submitted To AV
 Endorsed Date

or

Tracking Number:

or

Certificate Number:

List of Certificates

Tracking / Certificate Number	Status	Est. Date of Shipment	Endorsed Date	Species	Destination Country		
	Completed	04/01/2019	04/04/2019	Cats	India	<input type="button" value="View"/>	<input type="button" value="Manage"/>

Steps for Printing the Certificate

- ▶ Click the **Process** dropdown menu and select “**View Certificate.**”
- ▶ Then click “**Select.**”

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Manage Certificate Need Help ?

Please choose the desired process and click the 'Select' button.

Current Status: Completed
Certificate Number: [REDACTED]
Endorsed By: [REDACTED], DVM
Process: **Select**
Generate Copy
View Certificate

Cancel Select

NOTE: If you select “Generate Copy,” the certificate will be printed with a COPY watermark, which may result in rejection by the destination country upon arrival.

Steps for Printing the Certificate

- ▶ On the Generate Certificate Confirmation screen, click the “**Generate Certificate**” button.

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Generate Certificate Confirmation Need Help ?

VEHCS is now ready to create your specified output. Click the 'Generate Certificate' button to continue.

Back Generate Certificate

- ▶ The certificate will open in a new tab for printing.



AV PDF Health Certificate Upload

WHEN A VEHCS DEFINED CERTIFICATE IS NOT
AVAILABLE

A Dog to Chile

- ▶ One of your clients called to set up an appointment for an international export health certificate. She will be travelling with her dog to Chile.
- ▶ What should you do first?



Check the PTW for the destination country's import regulations

- ▶ [Visit the USDA APHIS PTW.](#)
- ▶ Select Chile from the Export dropdown menu.
- ▶ Note the **green banner** indicating digital signatures are accepted for both the AV and USDA APHIS.
- ▶ Follow the import regulations in the dropdown bar for Pet Dogs and Cats.

The screenshot displays the USDA APHIS website page for pet travel from the U.S. to Chile. The page header includes the USDA logo and navigation links. A green banner at the top of the content area states: "ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACCEPTED". Below this banner is a table with two columns: "USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature" and "Digital Signature Accepted". A red "IMPORTANT" box on the right side of the page contains several key points: "Carefully read ALL of the requirements related to your pet on this page.", "This page provides the most recent entry requirements and can change without notice.", "It is the responsibility of the veterinarian to make sure the pet has met all the requirements of the destination country before issuing a health certificate.", and "Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country." Below the table, there is a "Details" section and a "NOTE" in red text stating: "A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment." At the bottom of the page, there is a dropdown menu with options for "Pet Dogs and Cats", "Pet Birds", and "Ferrets".

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Helpful References for Pet Travel

not all birds qualify as pets

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Pet Birds Returning to the U.S. After Travel to a Foreign Country

ONLINE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION (VEHCS) = DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACCEPTED

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Digital Signature Accepted
APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Digital Signature Accepted

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NOTE: A printed paper copy of the completed health certificate must accompany each shipment.

IMPORTANT

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Helpful References for Pet Travel

New and Returning Users, Access VEHCS [HERE](#)

Need Help? Click [HERE](#) to view step-by-step guides for using VEHCS, or contact the dedicated [VEHCS Help Line](#)

Pet Dogs and Cats

Pet Birds

Ferrets

Return to VECHCS to check which certificate type may be used

- ▶ Access the VECHCS website and login (link provided on PTW directly under the green banner).
- ▶ Select “Create a certificate without a template.”

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What's New

****Digital Signature****: Many countries are now accepting digital signature of the Accredited Veterinarian on international export health certificates for live animals. Be sure to double check if your [country of destination](#) accepts before proceeding with digital issuance through VEHCS.

For a full explanation of the **COLORFUL BANNERS**, click [here!](#)

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Spreadsheets

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- [Swine_Canada_BreedingRearing_Template.xlsx](#)

Return to VEHCS to check which certificate type may be used (continued)

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Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate Need Help ?

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Items marked * are required.

First, select your Destination Country.

* Destination Country: Chile

Then, choose your Commodity Type, Intended Use, and Type of Admission selection and click the 'Next' button. If "Commodity not Listed" is not an option, OR the desired Commodity Type, Intended Use, or Type of Admission is not listed, please refer to the [IRegs for Animal Exports](#) website or contact your local [Service Center](#).

* Commodity Type: Commodity not Listed

Click on the Upload button to upload a Filled PDF.

Upload

Select Destination Country

- ▶ Select “Chile” as the destination country.
- ▶ Here you will see that “dogs” are not listed under Commodity Type.
 - ▶ This means that there is no VEHCS defined certificate available, and a PDF certificate will need to be uploaded.

Since a VEHCS Defined certificate is not available

- ▶ Return to the PTW page for Chile.
- ▶ Complete the health certificate as you normally would (for a paper version).

Pet travel from the U.S. to Chile

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[Helpful References for Pet Travel](#)

Contact your local APHIS-VS Service Office

--Select State--

not all birds qualify as pets

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pet Birds Returning to the U.S. After Travel to a Foreign Country

Pet Dogs and Cats

Requirements for Dogs and Cats

The animals must be accompanied by the health certificate provided below that is completed by a USDA-Accredited Veterinarian and endorsed by USDA-APHIS.

International Health Certificate

Other information:

- Upon arrival in Chile, the animals may be required to be under official observation for a period of at least 30 days.
- Consulate endorsement of the International Health Certificate is **not** required for personal dogs or cats.
- If your pet is too young to receive rabies vaccination, please contact [Chilean Animal Health Officials](#) to determine if your pet will be allowed to travel to Chile.

Complete the certificate as you normally would

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Dogs and Cats from the United States of America to Chile / Certificado de Salud para la Exportación de Perros y Gatos de los Estados Unidos de América a Chile

Veterinary Authority / Autoridad Veterinaria
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue / Fecha de Emisión

Certificate Number/ Número del Certificado

1. Consignor / Exportador:

2. Consignee / Importador:

3. Country Of Origin / País de Origen:
United States of America

4. State Of Origin / Estado de Origen:

5. Country Of Destination / País de Destino:
Chile

6.

7.

8.

9. Date Of Shipment / Fecha de Embarque:

10. Means Of Transport/ Medios de Transporte:

11.

12.

13. Description Of Commodity/ Descripción de la Mercancía:
DOG(S) PERROS CAT(S) GATOS

14.

15. Total Quantity/ Cantidad Total:

16.

17.

18.

19. Commodities Intended Use / Productos Básicos Uso Previsto:
Pet / Mascota

20.

21. Identification Of Commodities / Identificación de Productos Básicos:

Name of Animal / Nombre del Animal	Breed / Raza	Sex / Sexo	Age/ Edad	Weight/ Peso	Alternative ID (microchip/tattoo)/ Otra ID (microchip/ tatuajes)

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Certification Statements / Declaraciones de Certificación:

1. The animal(s) were examined within 10 days prior to departure and found to be free of any clinical signs of infectious diseases or parasites. / Los animales fueron examinados dentro de 10 días antes de la salida y encontrados libres de signos clínicos de cualquier enfermedad infecciosa o parásitos.

2. The animal must have been A) vaccinated against rabies, with an approved vaccine, between 30 days and 12 months prior to departure, OR B) subjected to an evaluation analysis of rabies virus neutralizing antibodies, with minimum result of 0.5 IU/ml, no less than 3 months and not more than 24 months prior to departure. / El animal deberá haber sido A) vacunado contra la rabia, con una vacuna aprobada, con un mínimo de 30 días y un máximo de 12 meses previo al embarque O B) sometido a un análisis de valoración de anticuerpos neutralizantes contra el virus rábico, con resultado mínimo de 0,5U./ml, no menos de 3 meses y no más de 24 meses antes del embarque.

Name of Animal / Nombre del Animal	A			B	
	Date of Rabies Vaccination/ Fecha de Vacunación de rabia	Name of Vaccine / Nombre de la vacuna	Manufacturer & Batch/Serial Number de vacuna Fabricante & Lote / Número de Serie	Date of FAVN test/ Fecha de la prueba FAVN	FAVN test results/ Resultados de la prueba FAVN

3. The animal(s) were treated against endo- and ecto-parasites not more than 30 days prior to departure with a product approved for that purpose. / Los animales fueron tratados contra endo y ectoparásitos no más de 30 días antes de la salida con un producto aprobado para su uso.

Name of Animal / Nombre del Animal	Endo-parasites/ Endoparásitos		Ecto-parasites/ Ectoparásitos	
	Date of Administration/ Fecha de administración	Active Ingredient, Dose & Product Name/ Ingrediente activo, dosis & nombre del producto	Date of Administration/ Fecha de administración	Active Ingredient, Dose & Product Name/ Ingrediente activo, dosis & nombre del producto

This certificate is valid for 10 days after issuance.

Name of Accredited Veterinarian/ Nombre del Veterinario Acreditado

Name of USDA Veterinarian / Nombre del Veterinario del USDA

Signature of Accredited Veterinarian/ Firma del Veterinario Acreditado

Signature of USDA Veterinarian / Firma de Veterinario del USDA

Date/ Fecha

Date / Fecha

Sign the certificate

There are three options for the AV to sign the certificate when uploading to VEHCs:

- Actual digital signature (created in Adobe)

OR

- Type name of AV in the “Name of Accredited Veterinarian” field and then type “Electronically signed” in the “Signature of Accredited Veterinarian” field (see example below)

OR

- Original wet ink signature that will appear as a scanned handwritten signature in VEHCs (while this is permissible, **the quality resolution on scanned documents is not ideal and formatting issues may occur at the time of endorsement, so please do not select this option unless necessary**).

Name of Accredited Veterinarian/ Nombre del Veterinario Acreditado David Smith, DVM	Name of USDA Veterinarian / Nombre del Veterinario del USDA
Signature of Accredited Veterinarian/Firma del Veterinario Acreditado Electronically Signed	Signature of USDA Veterinarian / Firma de Veterinario del USDA
Date/Fecha October 10, 2018	Date / Fecha



Save the completed
certificate as a PDF.

You are now ready to start
with VEHCs!

Create Certificate in VEHCs

- ▶ Click "Create Certificate without template."

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Certificate Content

The screenshot shows the USDA VEHCS interface for creating an international animal export health certificate. The page title is 'Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with 'Certificate Content' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Certificate Content' and contains instructions for filling out the form. Two dropdown menus are highlighted with red boxes: '* Destination Country: Chile' and '* Commodity Type: Commodity not Listed'. Two purple callout boxes provide instructions: 'Select applicable destination country' and 'Select "Commodity not Listed"'. At the bottom, there is a red instruction 'Click on the Upload button to upload a Filled PDF.' and an 'Upload' button.

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* Commodity Type: Commodity not Listed

Click on the Upload button to upload a Filled PDF.

Upload

Select applicable destination country

Select "Commodity not Listed"

Complete required information (red asterisks)

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* Destination Country: Chile

* Commodity Type: Dogs

* Intended Use: Pet

* Type of Admission: Permanent Import

* State of Origin: New York

* Consignor Name: Jane Smith

* Accredited Veterinarian: Note: The Accredited Veterinarian dropdown will only be populated with applicable Accredited Veterinarians after the Origin State/Territory has been selected.
Av B. User, DVM
License Number: 1234
Accreditation Number: 3985703987

* Estimated Date of Shipment: 10/12/2018
mm/dd/yyyy

* Number of Animals/Units: 1

Cancel Next

All boxes marked with a red * are required to be completed.

Upload Completed PDF Health Certificate

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VEHCS Home Tracking #: 10825 Save as Work in Progress Close Delete
Fillable PDF Step by Step
Certificate Content
Upload PDF
Attachments
Summary/Submit

Certificate Content: Dogs to Chile

Upload Filled PDF Health Certificate

Items marked * are required.

[Review Export Requirements](#)

[Link to IRegs](#)

Upload a Filled PDF Health Certificate

Click the 'Add/Replace Certificate' button to select the PDF file from your computer to upload.

* Accredited Veterinarian Uploaded PDF Health Certificate: **No Certificate Uploaded**
[Add/Replace Certificate](#)

[Previous](#) [Next](#)

Upload Certificate



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Need Help ?

File Upload

Click the 'Browse' button to select the file from your computer to upload. Long file names will be truncated to 40 characters (including the file extension). Items marked * are required.

* File Location:

(.pdf)

Browse...

Cancel

Upload

Use the "Browse" button to find the PDF certificate you just completed and saved.

Then click upload.

Successful upload into VEHCs

The screenshot displays the USDA Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) interface. The header includes the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" on the left, and "Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)" on the right. The main title is "Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate".

On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: VEHCS Home, Fillable PDF Step by Step, Certificate Content, Upload PDF, Attachments, and Summary/Submit. The "Certificate Content" section is currently active.

The main content area shows the following information:

- Tracking #: 10825
- Certificate Content: Dogs to Chile

Buttons for "Save as Work in Progress", "Close", and "Delete" are visible in the top right of the main content area. A "Need Help" link is also present.

The "Upload Filled PDF Health Certificate" section contains the following text:

Items marked * are required.

Review Export Requirements

[Link to IRegs](#)

Upload a Filled PDF Health Certificate

Click the 'Add/Replace Certificate' button to select the PDF file from your computer to upload.

* Accredited Veterinarian Uploaded PDF Health Certificate: [Dog to Chile.pdf](#)

Below this, there are "Previous" and "Next" buttons. The "Next" button is highlighted with a red square, and a red arrow points to the "Add/Replace Certificate" button.

- If the certificate successfully uploads, you will see it listed here.
- Click “Next.”

Upload Attachments

The screenshot displays the USDA United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service interface for the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). The page title is "Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate". The tracking number is 10825, and the certificate content is "Dogs to Chile". The left sidebar contains navigation links: VEHCS Home, Fillable PDF Step by Step, Certificate Content, Upload PDF, Attachments (highlighted in green), and Summary/Submit. The main content area shows the "Attachments" section with a message: "Attachments can be added to your submission. Examples of attachments include import permits, lab results, shipping labels, rabies certificates, etc." Below this is a table titled "List of Attachments" with columns for File Name, Description, and Date Added. The table is currently empty, with the text "No attachments have been added." below it. A red box highlights the "Add Attachment" button. At the bottom, there are navigation buttons: "Previous", "Save as Work in Progress", and "Next" (highlighted with a red box). In the top right corner, there are buttons for "Save as Work in Progress", "Close", and "Delete", along with a "Need Help" link.

- ▶ Upload pertinent supporting documentation (e.g. rabies vaccination certificate).
- ▶ Click “Next.”

Submitting Certificate in VEHCs

- ▶ Review information.
- ▶ Enter any notes to your USDA Endorsement Office in the “Comments: (Will NOT be printed on the certificate) (not required).”
- ▶ Check required acknowledgement statements.
- ▶ Click “Submit Certificate.”

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Certificate Content: Dogs to Chile

Save as Work in Progress Close Delete

Summary/Submit

Please review the information that you have provided for the certificate. Select 'Edit' to make changes to the associated part of the certificate. Carefully review your certificate and then click the 'Submit Certificate' button.

Destination Country:	Chile	Edit
Commodity Type:	Dogs	
Intended Use:	Pet	
Type of Admission:	Permanent Import	
Certificate Type:	AV Uploaded HC	
Consignor Name:	Jane Smith	
State of Origin:	New York	
Accredited Veterinarian:	Av A. User, DVM License Number: 1234 Accreditation Number: 878989	
Estimated Date of Shipment:	10/12/2018	
Number of Animals/Units:	1	

Uploaded PDF: PDF File Uploaded. Edit

Attachments: No attachment(s) added to this certificate. Edit

Comments:
(Will NOT be printed on the certificate)

By submission of this certificate, I certify that the information presented is complete, accurate, and signed by me. I also acknowledge that any applicable fees will be charged upon endorsement and completion of this certificate.

I have uploaded the appropriate lab results on the Attachments screen as applicable.

Previous Save as Work in Progress **Submit Certificate**

USDA Review and Endorsement

- ▶ When the certificate is received in VEHCS, the USDA Endorsement Office will review the certificate and supporting documentation.
- ▶ If everything is in order and payment was provided, the certificate will be endorsed.
- ▶ Once the certificate is officially endorsed, it will either be:
 - ▶ Returned to you or your client with the pre-paid shipping label you provided if the destination country does **not** accept USDA APHIS's digital endorsement.
 - ▶ This is when USDA APHIS must wet ink sign and physically emboss the printed paper health certificate (for orange, and some commodities for yellow and purple, banner countries).
 - ▶ Ready for you to view and print for your client if the destination country accepts USDA APHIS's digital endorsement. This applies to green, and some commodities for yellow and purple, banner countries.
 - ▶ **How will you know when it's endorsed? Keep an eye on the certificate's status in VEHCS. Once the status changes to "completed", the certificate is ready to print.**

Steps for printing the certificate: in summary

- ▶ Select the “**Manage**” button.
- ▶ Process: Select the “**View Certificate**” option from the dropdown menu.
- ▶ Click on “**View Certificate.**”
- ▶ Print out the digitally signed PDF and provide to your client.
 - ▶ Ensure that the printed document does not contain a “COPY” watermark.
 - ▶ The animal(s) **MUST** travel with the physical digitally endorsed hardcopy.

What happens if there's an error in the VEHCS certificate?



Errors: If the health certificate was not yet endorsed

- ▶ If you realize there's an error, contact [your USDA Endorsement Office](#) immediately.
- ▶ If your USDA Endorsement Office finds the error before you do, they will notify you that a correction needs to be made, and the certificate will be returned to you in VEHCS.
 - ▶ We are unable to make changes to the electronically submitted documents.

Errors: If the health certificate was not yet endorsed (continued)

- ▶ When returning the certificate to you in VEHCS, your USDA Endorsement Office may include comments on the reason for return. If so, the remarks will be available in “**Comments.**”
- ▶ You will access the certificate in “**View/Edit**” to make the necessary corrections based on the feedback from your USDA Endorsement Office.
- ▶ Don't forget to resubmit the certificate!

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View Certificates Need Help ?

VEHCS Home
Create Certificate
With Template
Without Template
Manage Template Data
Financial Management
View Reports
View Certificates

Please enter search criteria to view a list of certificates. From the resulting list, you will have the option to view, edit, and delete certain certificates. You may also manage the completed certificates by clicking on the 'Manage' button.

Status:

and

Date Range: to
mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

Create Date
 Submitted Date
 Submitted To AV
 Endorsed Date

or

Tracking Number:

or

Certificate Number:

List of Certificates

Tracking / Certificate Number	Status	Est. Date of Shipment	Endorsed Date	Species	Destination Country	
	Returned	04/18/2019		Cats	India	<input type="button" value="View/Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Comments"/>

Errors: If the health certificate was already endorsed

- ▶ You must notify [your USDA Endorsement Office](#) immediately.
 - ▶ You **cannot** make corrections to any endorsed health certificate. To do so could be considered a criminal offense.
- ▶ Depending on the problem, you may need to resubmit a new health certificate in VEHCS for endorsement (endorsement fees may apply).
- ▶ Your USDA Endorsement Office will void the previously issued, erroneous certificate in VEHCS so that it cannot be used for travel.

Phew! That's a lot of information to remember.



We understand VEHCs can seem overwhelming

- ▶ With practice, using VEHCs will become second nature.
- ▶ We also hope you'll see the benefits it provides to your clients by eliminating the time and expense involved with mailing a health certificate back and forth, or traveling to a USDA Endorsement Office.
- ▶ And, if you made an error in the health certificate, VEHCs eliminates the need to overnight mail or make a return trip to your USDA Endorsement Office to submit a new health certificate, thus minimizing delays in endorsement and making clients happier.

We're also regularly working to improve VEHCs

- ▶ We'll explain any updates to VEHCs in the next slides, so be sure to check back here for more information.
- ▶ In the meantime, let's get started on the latest feature in VEHCs!

Addendums to VEHCS Defined health certificates

- ▶ Some countries require incorporation of additional information in the VEHCS Defined health certificate in the form of a separate page, or addendum.
 - ▶ Examples of this include silhouette diagrams to identify horses, and laboratory reports.
- ▶ In these situations, you will need to upload the additional page in the Attachments section as you create the VEHCS Defined health certificate.

Addendums to VEHCS Defined health certificates (continued)

- ▶ Look for the “**Note**” in the Attachments’ instructions to know when additional pages must be incorporated into the endorsed health certificate.
- ▶ Your USDA Endorsement Office will carry out incorporation of the additional pages into the endorsed health certificate.

The screenshot shows the USDA VEHCS web application interface. The header includes the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" and "Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)". The main heading is "Creation of an International Animal Export Health Certificate". The tracking number is 11479 and the certificate content is "Equine to India". The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like "VEHCS Home", "Certificate Step by Step", "Certificate Content", "General", "Export & Shipping", "Commodities", "Statements", "Attachments", and "Summary/Submit". The "Attachments" section contains a note: "Note: In addition to the attachments listed above, the following documents are required to be uploaded as addendums/additional health certificate pages. These documents will be incorporated into the final endorsed health certificate: [Silhouette For Identification of Equine Exported From the United States of America](#)". Below the note is a table titled "List of Attachments" with columns for File Name, Description, Statement Attachment, and Date Added. The table is currently empty, and the text "No attachments have been added." is displayed. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Add Attachment", "Previous", "Save as Work in Progress", and "Next".

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Certificate Content: Equine to India

Attachments


Attachments can be added to your submission. Examples of attachments include import permits, lab results, shipping labels, rabies certificates, etc. There is a 20 megabyte total for all attachments with a 10 megabyte limit per attachment and a 300 kilobyte limit per image.

Note: In addition to the attachments listed above, the following documents are required to be uploaded as addendums/additional health certificate pages. These documents will be incorporated into the final endorsed health certificate: [Silhouette For Identification of Equine Exported From the United States of America](#)

File Name	Description	Statement Attachment	Date Added
No attachments have been added.			

Add Attachment

Previous Save as Work in Progress Next



Before you leave, we
want to remind you of
three things.

Remember: Items to include with your submission

▶ Attachments

- ▶ If a rabies vaccination is recorded in the health certificate, a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate must be provided.
- ▶ Laboratory reports for any required testing.
- ▶ Import permit (if applicable).
- ▶ Addendum page(s) (if applicable).
- ▶ Payment, either by depositing money into your VEHCS account or by providing your USDA APHIS User Fee Credit Account number in the individual certificate submission.
- ▶ Pre-paid return label (if applicable).

Remember: When to include a pre-paid return label

- ▶ A return label is not necessary for countries that accept USDA's digital endorsement since **you will print the USDA APHIS endorsed certificate for your client.**
- ▶ For those countries that do not accept USDA digital endorsement (i.e., orange, and some commodities for yellow and purple, banner countries):
 - ▶ A pre-paid return label should be provided as an attachment to your submission.

OR

- ▶ If you would prefer return of the document via regular USPS First Class Mail, you can indicate this and provide the address to which the documents should be sent in the "Comments: (Will NOT be printed on the certificate)" field.

Remember: You must provide payment for the endorsement fee

- ▶ Payment may be provided in VEHCS by either depositing funds in your VEHCS account or by entering your USDA APHIS User Fee Credit Account number into the “Comments: (Will NOT be printed on the certificate)” field of an individual health certificate. (This information will remain confidential and NOT be printed on the certificate.)
 - ▶ Don't know the cost for endorsement of your health certificate? [The PTW explains the fees for endorsement of pet health certificates.](#) For all other exports, or if you still have questions, contact [your USDA Endorsement Office.](#)
 - ▶ Interested in opening a Credit Account? Contact [your USDA Endorsement Office](#) for more information.

Wow! Thanks for the thorough overview of VEHCs! I'm ready to dive in and use it for my patients traveling internationally.



You're welcome! If you have questions or comments...

- ▶ Please contact [your USDA Endorsement Office](#) if you have more questions on how to use VEHCs.
- ▶ We also welcome your feedback!