



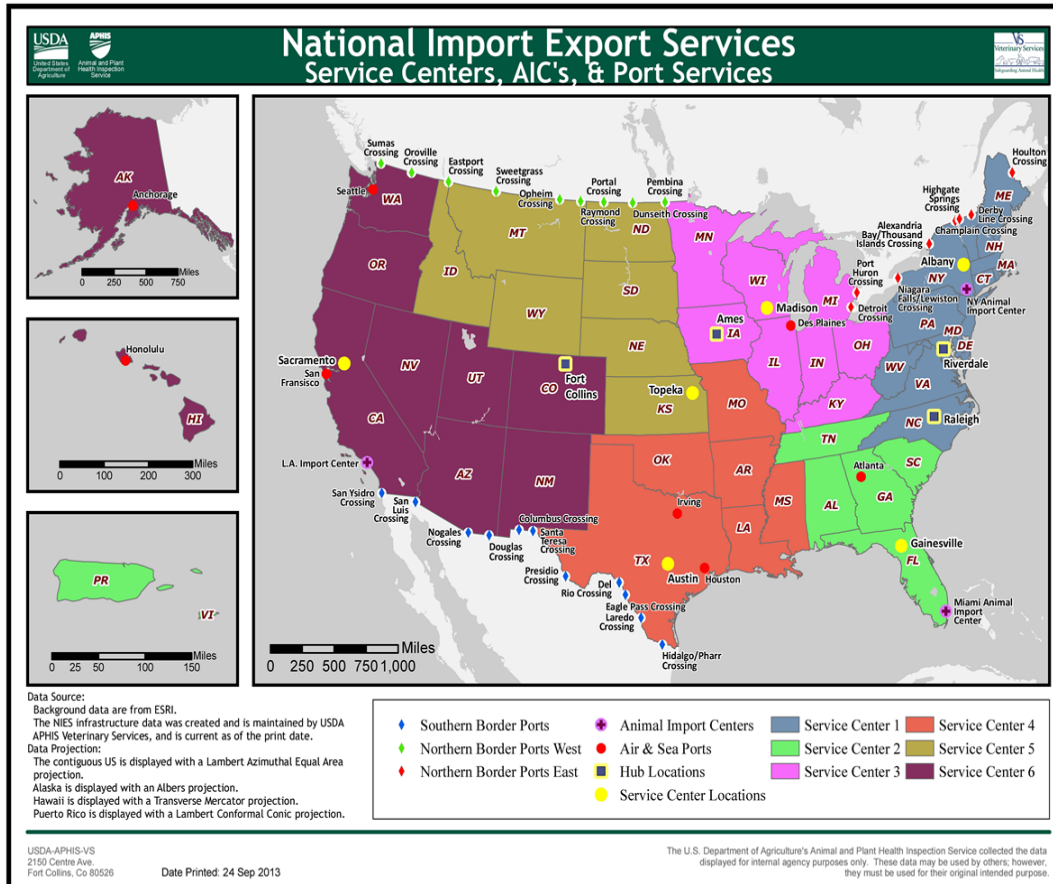
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Veterinary Export Health  
Certification System (VEHCS)

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# National Import Export Services



- 6 District Service Centers
- Oversight of import and export functions within district



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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.



# Available Functionality

- Login through USDA eAuthentication
- Data entry using reference data and calendar tools
- Templates to save data for reuse in new certificates
- Excel XML Commodity upload for
  - Breeding/Rearing Cattle
  - Feeder Cattle
  - Swine
- Selectable Certification Statements (IREGS)



# Available Functionality

- Accredited Veterinarians (AV) submit VEHCS defined Export Health Certificates for:
  - Adult Poultry, Cattle, Day Old Chicks, Hatching Eggs, Horses and Swine shipping to Canada
  - Day Old Chicks and Hatching Eggs shipping to Guatemala
- AVs submit VEHCS formatted (Universal) Export Health Certificates for:
  - Birds (non-poultry) and Poultry (ducks, geese and turkeys) to China
  - Equine Semen and Sheep to Costa Rica
  - Laboratory Animals (any) to Ecuador
  - Poultry to Honduras
  - Bovine Semen to Kenya
  - Birds (non-poultry) and Poultry (land fowl and water fowl) to Taiwan
- Veterinary Services review and endorse Export Health Certificates



## Available Functionality (cont.)

- Self Registration and User Management for External Organizations
- Expiration Alerts for AV's License and Accreditation



## Goal of VEHCS

- Standardize collecting exported live animal data
- Create a standard, globally accepted export health certificate
- Replace manual processes with electronic
- Enhance policy enforcement and quality control
- Enable Accredited Veterinarians and USDA Veterinarians to expedite communications
- Establish a database for analytics and reporting



## VEHCS Workflow

- The USDA accredited veterinarian electronically submits the health certificate and supporting documentation.
- The appropriate VS personnel reviews the information submitted and once found to be complete and accurate, the health certificate can be “endorsed” and fees collected.
- The health certificate can be signed digitally or a hard copy printed and then physically signed and stamped.
- A copy of the final health certificate can be viewed by an external viewer.





Complete digital certification – cattle through the following 4 ports:



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

**38 Certificates in 2016**



To submit to USDA APHIS VS for endorsement, the issuing accredited veterinarian must check the two statements:

- 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.

	<p>Polarization Assay (FPA) test, and the test was conducted within thirty (30) days preceding the date of shipment from the place where the animal was kept.</p> <p>c. The tests were performed in a laboratory that is approved to perform the test by the official veterinary service of the country of export. The results of the brucellosis test (including the type of test performed) are shown on the required health certificate for the animal to be imported.</p> <p>6. The herd in which the animals was kept during the twelve (12) months preceding the date of shipment has been free from pseudorabies and brucellosis during such period so far as can be determined by blood test or from herd history.</p> <p>7. After due inquiry, I am satisfied that, the swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.</p> <p>8. The animals are transported in vehicles that have been cleaned and disinfected.</p> <p>9. The animals being presented for importation have not come into contact with any animals, products, or equipment of lesser health status during the period between required testing and export to Canada. In addition, no new animals were added to the group intended for export, unless these animals had sanitary guarantees similar to those of the rest of the group.</p>	<a href="#">Edit</a>
	<p><b>Attachments:</b> 1 attachment(s) added to this certificate.</p>	<a href="#">Edit</a>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have uploaded the appropriate lab results on the Attachments screen as applicable.</p>	
	<a href="#">Previous</a> <a href="#">Save as Work in Progress</a> <a href="#">Submit Certificate</a>	
<p><a href="#">USDA</a>   <a href="#">APHIS</a>   <a href="#">Veterinary Services</a>   <a href="#">Export Information</a>   <a href="#">Help/Contact Us</a></p>		



<b>Name of Accredited Veterinarian</b> Sunrise AV	<b>Name of USDA Veterinarian</b> VMO Tester I
<b>Signature of Accredited Veterinarian</b> Electronically Signed	<b>Signature of USDA Veterinarian</b> Digitally signed by TODD BLEIFUSS on 09/08/2014 at 8:29 AM Central Daylight Time
<b>Date</b> August 29, 2014	<b>Date</b> September 2, 2014

## Sample of Signatures

Electronic signature by issuing accredited veterinarian &  
Digital signature by USDA endorsing official



Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Breeding/Rearing Cattle from the United States of America to Canada		
<b>Veterinary Authority</b> UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	<b>Date Of Issue</b> May 4, 2016	<b>Certificate Number</b> VS-KS-16-CA-004-00015816



<b>1. Consignor:</b> Jones Stewart Angus Ranch 400 East College St. Washington, KS 66968 United States Phone No. 7853252089	<b>2. Consignee:</b> Popular Meadows Angus PO Box 1025 Houston, British Columbia V0J120 Canada Phone No. 2508453050
<b>3. Country Of Origin:</b> USA	<b>4. State Of Origin:</b> Kansas
<b>5. Country Of Destination:</b> Canada	<b>6. Zone Of Destination:</b> *****
<b>7. Place Of Origin:</b> Jones Stewart Angus Ranch 400 E College St. Washington, KS 66968	<b>8. Port Of Embarkation / Border Crossing:</b> MT - Sweetgrass - Border Post
<b>9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:</b> May 5, 2016	<b>10. Means Of Transport:</b> Truck
<b>11. ....</b>	<b>12. CITES Permit Number:</b> *****
<b>13. Description Of Commodity:</b> Cattle	<b>14. Date Of Inspection:</b> 4-26-16
<b>15. Total Quantity:</b> 1	<b>16. Additional Information:</b> *****
<b>17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers:</b> 1 Truck	
<b>18. Identification / Seal Numbers:</b> *****	
<b>19. Commodities Intended Use:</b> Breeding/Rearing	<b>20. Type Of Admission:</b> Permanent Import
<b>21. Identification Of Commodities:</b> (See next page) *****	

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**21. Identification Of Commodities - Continued**

Row	Ear Tag	Breed/Category	Other ID / Tattoo	Sex	Age (Months)	Additional Description	Tuberculosis		Brucellosis	
							Test Result (m/nday)	Test Used	Test Date (m/nday)	Test Date (m/nday)
1	489TS9032	Angus	08A	Male	14	C47	04/29/16	SPT	04/26/16	

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**Certification Statements:**

- The animals were born after January 1, 1999.
- The animals are identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are not under restriction for movement, slaughter or destruction control. The tag number and tattoo information are included in the description of the animal. Animal identification is recorded in Block 21 - Identification of Commodities of this health certificate.
- The animals originated in a brucellosis-free State from an established herd in which no evidence of brucellosis has existed either clinically or serologically during the 24 months prior to export. The animals have tested negative for brucellosis on: 04/26/2016 using the standard tube test (STT) or standard plate test (SPT) with negative reading at a 1:50 dilution. The testing was performed within 30 days of import. The test used, results and test dates of the brucellosis testing are shown in Block 21 - Identification of Commodities of this health certificate.
- The animals for import originate from a herd of negative status in a state that is an accredited free area for tuberculosis or a modified accredited advanced area for tuberculosis.
- The animals have been tested for tuberculosis on: 04/29/2016 using the tuberculin test and the standard caudal fold injection with a reading of results at 72 hours as "No Reaction". The testing was performed within 60 days of import. The results of the tuberculosis testing, including test reading date, are shown in Block 21 - Identification of Commodities of this health certificate.
- The animals have not been vaccinated for brucellosis under the whole herd vaccination program (adult vaccination). In the case of a bull, the animal has not been vaccinated for brucellosis.
- The animals for export have resided in the United States or Canada for at least 60 days.
- The animals for export were inspected on: 04/26/2016 which is within thirty (30) days preceding the date of importation and found to be free from communicable disease, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the animals listed on this certificate were not exposed to any communicable disease within sixty (60) days preceding the date of inspection.
- The animals on this certificate are included on CFIA Import #: A-2016-01625-4
- Regarding Vesicular stomatitis (VS), all states in which the animal(s) have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days were free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of vesicular stomatitis during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export to Canada.

<b>Name of Accredited Veterinarian</b> Garrett Stewart	<b>Name of USDA Veterinarian</b> Kimberly A. Kirkham, DVM
<b>Signature of Accredited Veterinarian</b> Electronically Signed	<b>Signature of USDA Veterinarian</b> Digitally signed by KIMBERLY KIRKHAM on 2016.05.04 at 15:17:38 CDT
<b>Date</b> May 4, 2016	<b>Date</b> May 4, 2016



# Certificate Viewer

accessible to anyone with specific information on the paper health certificate, to be used for verification of authenticity

## Tracking System (PCIT)

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ting countries. This capability  
unctions, and monitoring

## Veterinary Export Health

VEHCS system facilitates creation  
certificates for export. It helps APHIS  
countries requirements, and to auto  
animals.



### Search for a Certificate

The VEHCS certificate viewer is a tool that is used to authenticate United States Federal export certificates. To view a certificate, please enter all Certificate' button.

Help is available by clicking [Need Help?](#) located toward the top right corner of any page or by hovering the mouse pointer over a tooltip

**\* All the fields must be complete in order to view a certificate.**

* Certificate Number:	<input type="text"/>
* Date Issued:	<input type="text"/> mm/dd/yyyy
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* Security Check:	
	Enter the text below: <input type="text"/>

Must have specific information to use the function:

1. Certificate Number
2. Date Issued
3. Complete a 'security check' (input unique text that appears distorted)



## System usage as of July 1, 2016

COMMODITY_TYPE	NUM_OF_CERTS
Adult Poultry	3,684
Aquatic Animals	7
Cattle	1,053
Day Old Chicks	216
Equine Semen	69
Hatching Eggs	821
Horses	4,083
Swine	125
<b>Overall - Total</b>	<b>10,058</b>





## System usage as of July 1, 2016

DESTINATION_COUNTRY	COMMODITY_TYPE	COMMODITY_INTENDED_USE	NUM_OF_CERTS	QUANTITY
Canada	Adult Poultry	Immediate Slaughter	3,684	36,436,002
Canada	Aquatic Animals	Aquarium/Outdoor Holding Units-Private/Commercial	7	36
Canada	Cattle	Breeding/Rearing	998	6,672
Canada	Cattle	Circus/Exhibition	55	513
Canada	Day Old Chicks		114	2,215,864
Canada	Equine Semen	Breeding/Rearing	69	173
Canada	Hatching Eggs		728	183,878,680
Canada	Horses	Breeding/Rearing	1,452	7,347
Canada	Horses	Competition and Racing	2,021	4,770
Canada	Horses	Immediate Slaughter	609	18,339
Canada	Horses		1	1
Canada	Swine	Breeding/Rearing	125	12,316
Guatemala	Day Old Chicks		102	1,999,577
Guatemala	Hatching Eggs		93	7,626,240
<b>Overall - Total</b>			<b>10,058</b>	



# VEHCS Next Steps

- Pilot project with Canada to allow digital signature
- Allow accredited veterinarians to print health finalized certificates with digital signature/endorsement
- Finalize agreement to allow VEHCS for export of slaughter horses to Mexico
- WTO notification for use with additional trading partners.
- Work with partner countries to expand the commodities in VEHCS and acceptance of digital signature.

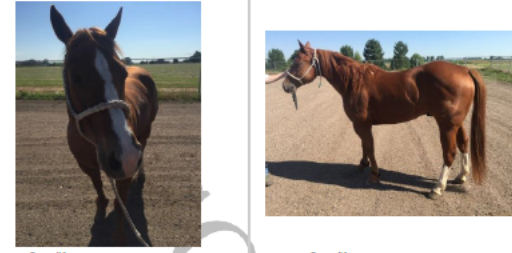


Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Competition and Raising Horses from the United States of America to Canada		
Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Date of Issue July 2, 2015	Certificate Number VS-CD-15-CA-006-00010698
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>		
This is to certify that the animals described herein have been inspected and/or tested for the diseases specified, and conform to the current veterinary requirements of the importing country.		
1. Consignor: Fred McElfield 4022 Eagle Ranch Road Pueblo, CO 81004 United States Phone No. 3037055377	2. Consignee: PDCB Soken, Calgary Stampede 1410 Olympic Way SE Calgary, Alberta T2G 2M6 Canada	
3. Country of Origin: USA	4. State of Origin: Colorado	
5. Country of Destination: Canada	6. Zone of Destination:	
7. Place of Origin: Fred McElfield 4022 Eagle Ranch Road Pueblo, CO 81004	8. Port of Embarkation / Border Crossing: Wild Horse-Barre, VT	
9. Estimated Date of Shipment: July 5, 2015	10. Means of Transport: Truck	
11. CITES Permit Number:	12. CITES Permit Number:	
13. Description of Commodity: Horses	14. Date of Inspection: 07/01/2015	
15. Total Quantity: 2	16. Additional Information:	
17. Total Number of Packages/Containers: 1 Truck	18. Identification / Seal Numbers:	
19. Commodity Intended Use: Competition and Racing	20. Type of Admission: Temporary Admission	
21. Identification of Commodities: (See attached Identification of Commodities)		

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<b>Identification of Commodities: Continued</b>															
Row	ID	Color	Breed	Age	Sex	Other ID / Tattoo	Head	Body	Limb LF	Limb RF	Limb LH	Limb RH	Add. Desc.	EIA Test Used	EIA Test Date
1	Legend	Sorrel	Quarter Horse	6 Years	Unspayed Male	Branded Safe Slip	Blaze	None	None	None	None	None	None	EIHA	6/29/15
2	Julia	Sorrel	Quarter Horse	17 Years	Female	Branded Safe Slip	Discolored Head, Strip, Slip	None	None	None	None	None	None	EIHA	6/29/15

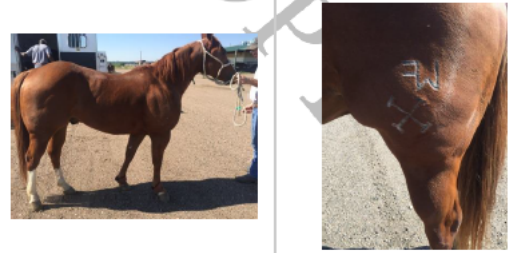
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Commodity Images:



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Description: Left



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Description: Right

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Description: Brand, Left Hip

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Certification Statements:

- The animals were inspected by a veterinarian within 30 days prior to export and found to be healthy and free from evidence of communicable disease.
- The animals were, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the issuing veterinarian, not exposed to any communicable disease within 60 days preceding the date of inspection.
- The animals have resided in the United States or Canada since birth.
- The animals, at the time of the inspection, were found healthy and in a physical condition fit to be transported.
- The exporter has been advised that any deterioration in health or physical condition of the animals that may render animals unfit for transport may result in the shipment to be refused entry to Canada.
- Regarding equine piroplasmiasis, during the previous 21 days, the animals in this shipment have not been in the states of Texas or New Mexico.
- Negative agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coglins) test or ELISA for equine infectious anemia within six (6) months prior to exportation. The test selected is identified in the commodity table.
- (Foals up to five months of age are exempt from the EIA requirement if they are imported into Canada at the same time as their dam and must be identified on the certificate of their dam or on a separate certificate of their own.)
- The animals have not been on premises where T. equigenitalis has been isolated during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation to Canada or premises currently under quarantine or investigation for CEM. The females in the shipment have not been bred naturally to, or inseminated with semen from, a stallion positive for CEM, or a stallion resident upon positive premises of under quarantine or investigation for CEM. The animals showed no clinical signs of CEM on the day of inspection.
- Regarding Vesicular Stomatitis (VS), all states in which the animal(s) have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days were free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of vesicular stomatitis during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export to Canada.

Note: Fit to be transported means that, on the day of inspection, no animal has an infirmity, illness, injury or any other condition that could be aggravated when the animal is being transported, causing the animal to suffer.

Name of Accredited Veterinarian	Name of USDA Veterinarian
Wade Zimmerman, DVM	Katherine A. Kirkham, DVM
Signature of Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of USDA Veterinarian
Electronically Signed	
Date July 2, 2015	Date July 2, 2015



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# *Questions...*

