



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

January 1, 2010

Dear Accredited Veterinarian,

Subject: CERTIFICATE FOR INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF SMALL ANIMALS

The health certificate used for the movement of small animals has been revised. Enclosed please find the revised *Certificate for Interstate Movement of Small Animals (Form 77-043)*. This form is for *interstate movement use only*. Blank certificates can be downloaded from our website (www.cdfa.ca.gov) and duplicated as needed. To locate the small animal health certificate on the CDFA website home page, use the search box located in the top right hand corner. Type "Small Animal Health Certificate" and then click the magnifying glass. The certificate may be printed on white paper. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)-Animal Health Branch no longer produces or distributes carbon-copy small animal health certificates.

For *international movements* of small animals use the *United States Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001)*. Please contact the USDA-APHIS Office for forms and additional international movement information. Also, contact the country of destination as some countries require a specific health certificate.

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Veterinary Services
10365 Old Placerville Road-Suite 210 ▪ Sacramento, CA 95827
Telephone: (916) 854-3900 ▪ Fax: (916) 363-1125
Website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

A general guidance document on animal movement is also enclosed for your reference. For further assistance please contact the Animal Health Branch at (916) 654-1447.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Animal Health Branch
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

Enclosures





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GENERAL INFORMATION ON ANIMAL MOVEMENT FOR ACCREDITED VETERINARIANS

A. Movement Requirements

1. Obtain information regarding **interstate** movements of animals from:
 - State of Destination
 - CDFA website http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Permits.html
 - USDA website http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_states.shtml
2. Obtain information regarding **international** movements of animals from:
 - United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service- Veterinary Services
10365 Old Placerville Road, Suite 210 ▪ Sacramento, CA 95827
Telephone: (916) 854-3900 ▪ Fax: (916) 363-1125
 - USDA website http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_states.shtml
3. Check with airlines for additional movement requirements.

B. Responsibilities of Accredited Veterinarians

1. Certificates must:
 - Comply with state of destination and airline requirements.
 - Be issued only after federal requirements (9 CFR Part 161) are met.
2. Information about common certificate omissions and errors is enclosed.

C. Distribution of Certificates

1. Certificate for **Interstate** Movement of Small Animals (Form 77-043):
 - Send copies of the certificate to the state of destination within 10 days of shipment.
 - **Do not send a copy of the completed certificate to this office.**
 - Blank certificates may be downloaded from CDFA website and duplicated as needed, unless state of destination has specific certificate requirements.
 - Certificates are void 30 days after inspection of animal; check with the airline for specific requirements regarding health certificates.
2. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (Form 77-010) for **livestock and poultry**:
 - Distribute as indicated on the form.
 - Send copies of completed/voided certificates to CDFA Headquarters Office within 10 days of issue.
 - Certificates become void 30 days after inspection of animals.
3. U.S. Interstate and **International** Certificate of Examination for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001):
 - Send copies of the certificate to the USDA office in California within 10 days of shipment.
 - **Do not send a copy of the completed certificate to this office.**





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- Certificates are void 30 days after inspection of animals; check with the airline for specific requirements regarding health certificates.
- Check the country of destination for specific requirements.

D. Ordering Certificates

- Certificate for Interstate Movement of Small Animals (Form 77-043) may be obtained by downloading the certificate from the CDFA web site (<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov>). Use the search feature; type in “Small Animal Health Certificate”.
- Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (Form 77-010) may be ordered from:
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health & Food Safety Services-Animal Health Branch
1220 N Street, Room A-107 ▪ Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 654-1447
- U.S. Interstate and International Certificate of Examination for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001) may be obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture by calling (916) 854-3900.

Attachments





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Subject: COMPLETING CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (FORM 77-010)

Accredited veterinarians are responsible for issuing accurate complete certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI). Timely submission of CVI reduces the risk of disease introduction and spread.

Record all applicable information pertaining to animal(s) shipped on CVI, including individual animal identification, complete origin/destination information and complete test results. Keep a copy for your records.

Check with the state of destination for their entry requirements. Additional movement requirements can be found on the CDFA website (http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Permits.html) and the USDA website (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_states.shtml).

COMMON OMISSIONS AND ERRORS ON CERTIFICATES

Shipper/Receiver:

- Incomplete, inaccurate or omitted name and address

Permit Number:

- No entry permit obtained
- Permit number not recorded

Species:

- Not checked/cannot determine

State/Area Status:

- Not included

Official Individual Animal Identification:

- Omitted

Vaccination Tattoo:

- Omitted (Important for interpreting tests & eligibility for entry)

Inspection, Issue, and Shipment Dates:

- Omitted (Critical for certificate validity)

Signature

- Omitted accredited veterinarian signature (Required for validity)

Statements:

- Omitted (Include all statements to meet state of destination's requirements)

EIA Test Information:

- Missing test or test information (List laboratory name, date of negative test, accession number and results)

Tuberculosis Test:

- Missing test or test information (Include date, hour of injection, observation and result)

Trichomonosis Test:

- Missing test or test information (Include laboratory name, date of negative test and results)

Brucellosis Test:

- Missing test or test information (Include date of negative test, lab name, type of test, and results)

