

USDA-APHIS-VS
INVOLVEMENT IN THE
EXPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS,
ANIMAL SEMEN, AND
ANIMAL EMBRYOS

REGULATIONS

- TITLE 9, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 91 (9 CFR 91)
- COVER ONLY CERTAIN TYPES OF ANIMAL:
 - CATTLE AND BISON
 - HORSES, MULES, AND ASSES
 - SWINE
 - SHEEP
 - GOATS
 - CAPTIVE CERVIDS

REGULATIONS (CONT.)

- GENERAL
 - APPLY TO ALL LISTED TYPES OF ANIMAL
 - EXTENDED TO A VARIABLE DEGREE TO EXPORT SHIPMENTS OF OTHER TYPES OF ANIMAL AND OF ANIMAL SEMEN AND ANIMAL EMBRYOS WHERE APHIS INVOLVEMENT (e.g. EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT) IS SOUGHT
- ANIMAL TYPE-SPECIFIC
 - FEW (AND IN SOME CASES, e.g., HORSES, NONE)

EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATES

- ISSUED BY AN APHIS REPRESENTATIVE, OR IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES, BY A VETERINARIAN ACCREDITED BY USDA IN THE STATE OF ORIGIN.
- ENDORSED BY AN AUTHORIZED APHIS VETERINARIAN IN THE STATE OF ORIGIN

EHCs (CONT.)

- MUST COMPLY WITH APHIS'S EXPORT REGULATIONS/POLICY
- MUST COVER THE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DESTINATION COUNTRY

EXPORT INSPECTIONS

- NONE REQUIRED IF THE EXPORT IS BY LAND TO CANADA OR MEXICO
- REQUIRED FOR EXPORTS OTHER THAN THE ABOVE
 - FACILITY MUST MEET SPECIFIC STANDARDS
 - MUST BE AT OR VERY NEAR AN APPROVED PORT OF EMBARKATION (PORT NOT APPROVED IF NO SUCH FACILITY IS IDENTIFIED) – 9 CFR 91.14

FOREIGN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

- ESTABLISHED BY THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
- MAY BE INFLUENCED BY USDA
 - NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED OUT BY APHIS-VS-NATIONAL CENTER FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT
 - ASSISTED BY APHIS-INTERNATIONAL SERVICES AND/OR USDA-FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE