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Importing Swine and Germplasm into the United States

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There are many processes involved with importing different species of regulated live animals into the United States. This page explains the requirements for importing live swine and swine semen.

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Requirements

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Ports of Entry

Canadian Border Ports

The following land border ports are designated as having the necessary inspection facilities for the entry of [swine](#) from Canada:

- Eastport, Idaho
- Houlton, Maine
- Detroit and Port Huron, Michigan
- Raymond and Sweetgrass, Montana
- Alexandria Bay and Buffalo, New York
- Dunseith, Pembina, and Portal, North Dakota
- Highgate Springs, Vermont
- Sumas, Washington

Air Port

The following port has APHIS inspection and quarantine facilities necessary for quarantine stations and all [swine](#) shall be entered into the United States through:

- Newburgh, New York

Live Swine

These species may only be imported from the following listed countries.

Canada

- [Protocol for the Importation of Domestic Swine From Canada](#) (147.04 KB) | June 2026
- Health Certificate: [Live Swine Import From Canada](#) (3.91 MB)
- [Protocol for the Importation of Farm-Raised "Wild" Boar From Canada](#) (237.98 KB) | May 2020
- Health Certificate: [Farmed Wild Boar Import from Canada](#) (759.13 KB)
- [Protocol for the Transit of Swine, Sheep, and Goats From Canada to Mexico by Land Through the United States](#) (184.31 KB) | February 2023

European Union: A permit and export health certificate are required.

Due to the recent detections of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in Hungary, Slovakia, Cyprus, and Greece import of live swine from these countries is currently **prohibited**.

- Protocol: [Breeding Swine Import From European Union Member States Recognized as Low-Risk for Classical Swine Fever](#) (257.51 KB) | April 2026
- Model Health Certificate: [Live Swine Import From European Union Member States Recognized as Low-Risk for Classical Swine Fever](#) (184.4 KB) | April 2026
- Norway: Health Certificate: for the [Import of Live Breeding Swine from Norway to the United States](#) (349.8 KB) | July 2026
- Spain: Health Certificate: [Export Breeding Swine to the United States from Spain](#) (443.08 KB) | July 2026

United Kingdom: The same conditions as designated in the Protocol for Breeding Swine Import from European Union Member States are used for this type of import. A permit and export health certificate are required.

- Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales): Health certificate [1196EHC_V5_GB.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)
- Northern Ireland: Health Certificate [1196EHC_V5_NI.pdf](#) (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Swine Semen

Canada

- No permit is required if the semen tanks are transported by land; an export health certificate is required to import swine semen from Canada.
- Health Certificate: [Swine Semen Import from Canada for Reproduction](#) (1.9 MB)

European Union: A permit and export health certificate are required.

Due to the recent detections of Foot-and-Mouth (FMD) disease in Hungary, Slovakia, Cyprus, and Greece import of swine semen from these countries is currently **prohibited**.

- [Protocol for Swine Semen Import from Member States of the EU](#) (157.23 KB)
- Model Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from Member States of the EU](#) (167.33 KB)
- Model Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from the Netherlands](#)

Norway: A permit and export health certificate are required.

- Health Certificate [Swine Semen Import from Norway](#) (923.89 KB)

United Kingdom: A permit and export health certificate are required.

- [Great Britain \(England, Scotland, Wales\) Health Certificate](#)
- [Northern Ireland Health Certificate](#)

What You Need To Know

- U.S. transits are classified as shipments presented to a U.S. port of entry for conveyance purposes to then be transported to a destination country shortly after.
 - [Notice Regarding APHIS Live Animal Import and Third-Country Import Transit Permits](#)

- Please note that any animals and their germplasm transiting the United States must not transit countries with questionable disease statuses prior to reaching a U.S. port of entry.
- All transits require a contingency plan. Submit your contingency plan with your permit application ([VS 17-129](#) (211.74 KB)) to laipermits@usda.gov. To submit an import permit electronically, visit [APHIS eFile](#).
- If you are applying to import live animals, semen, and embryos, you may submit applications by email to laipermits@usda.gov.

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