

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Requirements



In accordance with federal and state laws, all Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) issued for animals entering or leaving California must be issued and signed by a USDA accredited and state licensed veterinarian. The CVI must also include the following:



By signing the CVI, the issuing veterinarian is indicating that each animal in the shipment meets California or the destination state's entry requirements for that species. A CVI should not be issued for any animal that is not officially identified if official ID is required.

- Inspection and issue date
- Name of Consignor and physical address or location where the animals were loaded (Origin)
- Name of Consignee and physical address or location where the animals are destined (Destination)
- Number of animals
- Purpose the animals are being moved
- Description of the animals, including:
 - Species
 - Sex
 - Breed
 - Age
 - Weight, color, markings (if needed)
- Official identification (ID) number of each animal or group of animals, if required
 - If recording the official ID number(s) is not required to be written on the CVI, the CVI must state "all animals are officially identified"
 - If animals do not require official ID, the CVI must state the exemption that applies
- Interstate Livestock Entry Permit number, if required
- Test type, test date, and test results for required tests or an official test record attached
- Brucellosis vaccination tattoo, when required
- State disease eradication status, for applicable species
- Statement that the animals are free of evidence of contagious diseases
- USDA accreditation number, state license number, and wet or digital signature of the issuing veterinarian who inspected the animals

A CVI is valid for 30 calendar days following the inspection of the animals described, unless the State Veterinarian in either the origin or destination state has determined a shorter time frame is necessary to mitigate disease risk.

The veterinarian issuing a CVI must forward, or submit electronically, a copy of the completed CVI and supporting documentation to the origin state within seven (7) calendar days from the issue date.

CVIs and supporting documents must be retained by the veterinarian for five (5) years.

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For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

- [Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#)
- [CDFA AHB Entry Requirements Interactive Website](#)
- [InterstateLivestock.com](#)



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