



Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Requirements

In accordance with Federal and California 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:

- Inspection and issue date
- Number of animals
- Purpose the animals are being moved
- Description of the animals including:
 - ◊ Species
 - ◊ Sex
 - ◊ Breed
 - ◊ Age
 - ◊ Weight, color, markings (if needed)
- Physical address or location at which the animals were loaded (Origin)
- Physical address or location to which the animals are destined (Destination)
- Names of the consignor and the consignee and their addresses, if different
- Official identification number of each animal or group of animals, if required
 - ◊ If recording the official identification number is not required to be written on the CVI, the CVI Inspection must state "all animals are officially identified".
 - ◊ If animals do not require official identification, 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 and state license number of the issuing veterinarian

Another document or print out, such as a test form, may be used in lieu of typing or writing individual animal identification on a CVI when agreed upon by animal health officials in both the state of origin and destination. The alternative document must also include a description of the animals, including species, sex, breed, and age. The name, title, and any unique number used to identify the document must be recorded on the CVI, and a copy must accompany each copy of the CVI.

A CVI is valid for 30 calendar days following the inspection of the animals described, unless the State Veterinarian in either the state of origin or destination has determined a shorter timeframe 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 State of Origin within *seven (7)* calendar days from the issue date.

CVIs and supporting documents must be retained for *five (5)* years.

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



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