

# ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM GUIDANCE:

## CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM



The Animal Care Program (ACP) within California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) issues three different types of authorization certificates under Proposition 12 (2018) [Animal Confinement Regulations](#), Chapter 10 (commencing with section 1320) of Division 2 of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR).

1. Certificate of Compliance - Example 1 below
2. Distributor Registration - Example 2 below
3. Certificate of Accreditation - A Certificate of Accreditation can only be issued by CDFA and displays a yellow vertical bar and a QR code which links to ACP's website with an up to date list of accredited certifying agents. *Note: Example of Certificate of Accreditation is not pictured.*

For questions related to certificates issued under Animal Confinement regulations: email [AnimalCare@CDFA.CA.GOV](mailto:AnimalCare@CDFA.CA.GOV) or call us at (916) 900-5187.

### EXAMPLE 1

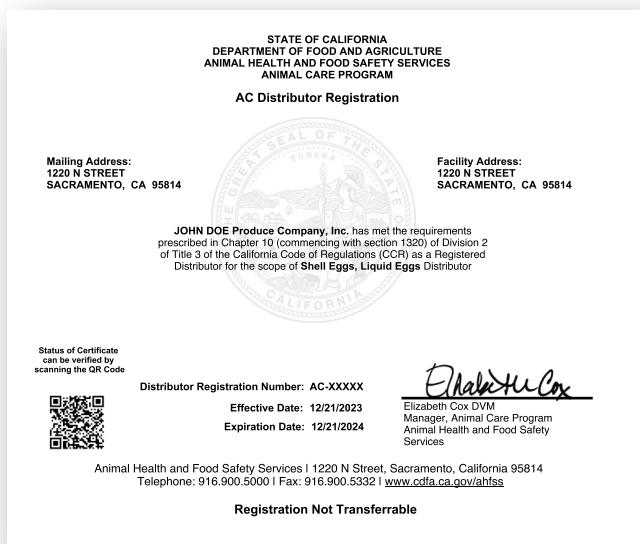
Example of Certificate of Compliance issued by CDFA to producers and distributors who CDFA has certified as compliant under Animal Confinement regulations. A Certificate of Compliance issued by CDFA features a blue vertical bar.

Certificates of Compliance can be issued by:

1. CDFA
2. A certifying agent accredited by CDFA, or
3. A recognized government entity

### EXAMPLE 2

Example of Distributor Registration certificate which is only issued by CDFA to distributors who have registered with CDFA under Animal Confinement regulations. A Distributor Registration certificate can only be issued by CDFA and will feature a watermark of the California seal and a QR code which links to ACP's website with an up to date list of registered distributors.



## WHY DOES MY CERTIFICATE LOOK DIFFERENT?

In addition to CDFA, certifying agents accredited by CDFA and government entities recognized by CDFA can issue Certificates of Compliance to producers and distributors for compliance with Animal Confinement regulations. At a minimum, all Certificates of Compliance issued under Animal Confinement regulations are required to have all of the following information according to 3 CCR § 1326.6:

1. Business name and physical address of the certified operation
2. Effective date of certification
3. Date of most the recent on-site inspection performed by the certifying agent
4. Name, address, and phone number of the certifying agent who issued the certification
5. Operation type and category:
  - Egg Producer as defined in 3 CCR § 1320(m)
  - Veal Producer as defined in 3 CCR § 1321(dd)
  - Pork Producer as defined in 3 CCR § 1322(u)
  - Distributor as defined in 3 CCR § 1326(k) and a list of the covered products the distributor is certified to distribute:
    - Shell Eggs as defined in 3 CCR § 1320(z)
    - Liquid Eggs as defined in 3 CCR § 1320(t)
    - Whole Veal Meat as defined in 3 CCR § 1321(ee)
    - Whole Pork Meat as defined in 3 CCR § 1322(ee)
6. Whether operation is a split operation as defined in 3 CCR § 1326(y)

For a list of Accredited Certifying Agents and specific information on the operation types they are accredited to certify, visit our Certifying Agent page: <https://bit.ly/3QckSQ4>

*If you have any concerns about the validity of the certificate you have received, contact the Animal Care Program.*

