

ENDORSEMENT OF VETERINARY CERTIFICATES BY USDA AREA OFFICES.

The EU countries require that after your Accredited Veterinarian completes the official veterinary certificate for that particular EU country you are traveling to, it must then be endorsed by the Area Veterinarian in charge for the State in which your veterinarians practice is accredited. Not all States have an area office so you may have to use an office in a nearby State.

The package you are receiving contains either the Annex IV veterinary certificate required by the EU country's when you are traveling with your pet, or the Annex I veterinary certificate if it is what is called a commercial movement of a pet.

The purpose of the endorsement is to prove that the veterinarian who signed the certificates is a licensed and Accredited Veterinarian. Not all veterinarians are USDA accredited. If your veterinarian is not accredited, then the Area Office will not endorse the forms.

The cost of a single veterinary certificate is currently **\$38.00**. If Blood titer test forms accompany the certificate, then the cost is \$121.00.

The pet passport forms plus the blood titer test results (if required by the country you are visiting) should be sent to the Area Office Veterinarian with a check for the proper amount. You must also send a postage paid return envelope. You can take the forms to their office but you must call them for an appointment. We recommend that you use Priority or Express Mail. Normally the Area Veterinarian in Charge will endorse and send the forms back the next business day.

TIMING

The Annex I and Annex IV veterinary certificates are valid for entry into the EU country 10 days from the date certified by the USDA. You must enter the EU country within 10 days of the date the Area Office certified the forms. After you have arrived in the EU, the certificate is valid for up to four months travel within the EU. Be sure to follow the rules on the instruction sheet for the country you are traveling to.

The most current list of Area Veterinarians in Charge is attached:

There is also an office in San Francisco that is not listed at the above URL:

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