

## Costs associated with permit services

### IMPORT PERMITS

Non-Commercial/Domestic	\$2,000.00
Commercial	\$5,000.00
Duplicate/reprinting import permits Commercial/domestic	\$1,000.00
Inspection of all imported consignments Containers at port Off-site inspections of containers:	\$15,000.00
Within 10km	\$15,000.00
10km-40km	\$20,000.00
Over 40km	\$25,000.00
Palletized cargo	\$7,000.00

### Small non-palletized consignments (up to 200 lbs.)

Non-commercial/Domestic \$1,500.00 and Commercial Contravention fee (which is a special evaluation fee for container and document irregularities)

## Veterinary Services Division MANDATE

- Keeping exotic diseases out of Jamaica
- Safeguarding the Livestock Industry
- Facilitating Trade
- Improving Public Health
- Enhancing Food Safety
- Promoting Animal Welfare

**OPENING HOURS:**  
Monday to Thursday 8:30 am. to 5:00 pm.  
Friday 8:30 am. to 4:00 pm.

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**VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION**

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The mandate of the Veterinary Services Division (VSD) is to oversee national animal health and welfare through the various services offered such as Epidemiology, Food Safety, Veterinary Public Health, Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Veterinary Import Permits and Veterinary Export Health Certifications.

The Permit, Licensing, Inspection and Quarantine Unit of the VSD is charged with the responsibility of certifying the import and export of live animals, fish and fishery products, meat and meat by products in keeping with The Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act (1948) and accompanying regulations. The services offered by the Permit Unit include the issuance of Veterinary Import Permits and Veterinary Export Health Certificates.

### Import Permit

Individuals and businesses involved in the import of live animals, fish and fishery products, meat and meat by products are required to apply for a veterinary import permit for the importation of all animal, animal products and by-products before being shipped from the country of origin.

All applications for Veterinary Import Permits are made online using the Ministry of Agriculture Trade System ([www.moatrade.gov.jm](http://www.moatrade.gov.jm)). The processing time for all Veterinary Import Permit application is one (1) to five (5) working days.

# SERVICES AND

Once your Veterinary Import Permit application has been approved payment can be made online or at the cashier, **(cash or cheques are accepted; credit & debit card facility are currently available)** Veterinary Import permits are delivered electronically to E-trade and the Jamaica Customs ASYCUDA system the next business day after payment is made.

Once a Veterinary Import Permit is issued; the permit becomes invalid on the expiry date or when it is used to import a part of or whole quantity of the product (s) as stated on the permit.

All products of animal origin or intended for animal use require a Veterinary Import Permit including the following:

- Milk and Milk by-products;
- Fish and Fish by-products;
- Meat and Meat by-products;
- Animal Feed;
- Veterinary Drugs and Biological;
- Poultry and Poultry by-products;
- Beef and beef by-products
- Pet food and
- Live animals



# PROGRAMMES

## Export Health Certificates

Individuals and companies involved in the export of live animals, meat and meat by products, fish and fishery products, ornamental fish, honey, animal feed are required to apply for an export health certificate. Persons are required to submit an application which can be obtained from the Permit Office along with the requirements of the importing country.

The following categories may require an export health certificate depending on the import requirements of the importing country:

- Milk and Milk by-products;
- Honey;
- Poultry and poultry by-products;
- Meat and Meat by-products;
- Beef and beef by-products;
- Ornamental fish;
- Fish and Fishery by-products and
- Live animals

