

# THE ROLE OF THE VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION IN EXPORT FACILITATION



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# OVERVIEW

- Advantages of Export
- Why are veterinary services important in the export of animals and animal products?
- Which laws, regulations and international standards are relevant to the export of animals and animal products in Jamaica?
- Export procedures for terrestrial animals and their products
- Export procedures for aquatic animals and their products

# THE BENEFITS OF EXPORT



# WHY ARE VETERINARY SERVICES IMPORTANT IN THE EXPORT OF ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS ?

Regulations concerning animals and animal products are stringent

Compliance with international standards:

- To prevent the spread and introduction of diseases
- To ensure humane treatment of animals during transport and handling
- To ensure that exporters fulfill the specific requirements of the importing (destination) country

# VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION (VSD)

- The VSD in Jamaica oversees National Animal Health and Welfare.
- It is one of six Technical Departments in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining.
- The VSD is charged with promoting food safety and international trade in animals and their products.

# VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION (VSD)

- Issuance of permits for import
- Inspection of farm and food processing facilities
- International health certification for live animals and animal products
- Port and Field Surveillance
- Diagnosis of animal diseases and residue analysis
- National Animal Emergency Disease Response
- Monitoring of ports of entry and the disposal of International garbage

# LAWS RELEVANT TO TRADE IN ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

- The Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act
- The Aquaculture, Inland and Marine Products and By-Products (Inspection and Licensing) Act
- The Meat and Meat-by-products Act



# INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



World Organisation  
for Animal Health

Founded as OIE

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
ORGANIZATION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS



World Health  
Organization