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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES FOR CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
2. The United States is free of cattle babesiosis and trypanosomiasis (*T. congolense*, *T. vivax*, *T. brucei*, and *T. simiae*).
3. The animals originate from a State where no cases of vesicular stomatitis have been reported to occur during the 12 months prior to embarkation.
4. The animals offered for export are free of any clinical evidence of infectious or contagious diseases, and come from premises where no clinical cases of contagious diseases have been reported to occur during the 6 months prior to embarkation.
5. The animals for export have not been vaccinated against blue tongue.
6. The animals to be exported were isolated from all other animals not part of the shipment for at least 30 days prior to embarkation.
7. The animals were transported directly from the isolation facility to the port of embarkation without coming into contact with other animals of lesser or unknown health status.
8. The animals were examined and found free of any external and internal parasites, and were treated for internal and external parasites prior to exportation. (Note the date and products used on the health certificate.)

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days of embarkation:

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test with ppd bovine tuberculin
2. Brucellosis: Any officially recognized test.
3. Paratuberculosis: Culture of fecal samples; OR complement fixation (CF) test (1:8); OR intradermal johnin test.
4. Anaplasmosis: CF test at the 1:10 dilution
5. Blue tongue: cELISA test AND indirect sandwich ELISA test; OR two AGID tests at least 15 days apart.
6. Leptospirosis: Microagglutination test at a dilution of 1:400; or ELISA test (for *hardjo* and *interrogans* serovars); OR Vaccination with a killed bacterin. (If vaccinated, must specify date of vaccination and product used on the health certificate).

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The plane transporting the animals must be mosquito free.
2. Prior to the exportation, the Veterinary Services in The Netherlands Antilles (Curacao) must be informed whether or not the animals have been vaccinated for any other diseases, and whether such diseases are of any danger of spreading in a non-vaccinated herd of cows, sheep and goats. Such information may be sent by facsimile to the Veterinary Services in Curacao at 011-599-9- 61-1014.
3. The health certificate should be faxed to the Veterinary Services' office in Curacao 48 hours prior to embarkation.