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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO  
FOR FEEDER SWINE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so 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 the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification (including breed, sex, age, and ear or tattoo number) of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The United States is a country free of classical swine fever (hog cholera) and vaccination against this disease is prohibited.  
*Los Estados Unidos es país libre de fiebre porcina clásica, y vacunación contra esta enfermedad está prohibida.*
2. The animals originate from a brucellosis validated-free herd or State. (OR see Test Requirement #1 for *intact* animals)  
*Los animales proceden de hato libre de brucellosis.*
3. The animals originate from regions, zones not under quarantine for Aujeszky's disease (pseudorabies) or they originate from qualified-free herds or States.  
*Los animales proceden de regiones o zonas no cuarentenados por enfermedad de Aujeszky's y en la piara de origen no se ha detectado la enfermedad de Aujeszky's, o proceden de piaras validadas libres de la enfermedad de Aujeszky's.*
4. At the time of examination, the animals identified on this certificate were found free of ectoparasites.  
*Al momento de ser examinados, los animales se encontraron libres de ectoparasitos.*
5. The animals will be transported to the port of embarkation in vehicles that were cleaned and disinfected using approved products.  
*Los cerdos fueron transportados en vehiculos lavados y desinfectados con un desinfectante aprobado.*
6. After due inquiry, I am satisfied that, the swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.  
*Los cerdos para exportación nunca fueron alimentados con desperdicios u otros deshechos.*

## TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days of export:

1. Brucellosis (for intact swine only): Card test; OR standard tube test at the 1:25 dilution. ( or Certification #2)

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at one of the following border points: Brownsville, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Presidio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Nogales, Arizona.
2. All swine intended for export shall be identified by ear tags or tattoo.
3. The animals will be inspected at the border for ectoparasites. If ectoparasites are found, they can be treated and resubmitted for inspection 72 hours later.
4. The animals will be inspected at the border and will only be permitted to enter if they are healthy and show no clinical signs of infectious disease.
5. At the farm of destination, the animals will be quarantined for 30 days and during that time will be under the supervision of a Mexican federal veterinarian.
6. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
7. The enclosed bilingual certifications (Appendix 1) may be attached to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, but must be signed by the issuing accredited veterinarian and endorsed by the Federal veterinarian.
8. Although not part of the health requirements, Mexico makes the following recommendations to the importer:
  - a. That the animals originate from a herd where no signs of atrophic rhinitis have been reported for one year prior to the date of export, and the animals are free from clinical evidence of the disease.
  - b. That the animals originate from a herd where transmissible gastroenteritis has not been diagnosed during the last six months prior to the date of exportation.

c. Testing the animals for porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) using either the immunofluorescence test or immunoperoxidase test, and certify that within 30 days prior to the issuance of the health certificate, no swine were introduced into the herd from herds where PRRS has been identified.

9. Note for non-Arizona swine destined for a Mexican-border land crossing point in the State of Arizona: Arizona requires such animals to be accompanied by a State-of-Arizona-issued entry permit. Without this permit, entry of swine into the State will not be allowed. For further information, call (602) 542-4293.

Health Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Valid Only if the USDA  
Veterinary  
Seal appears Over the Certificate  
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Appendix 1:

**Certification Statements**  
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Signature of USDA Accredited Veterinarian

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Date

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Type or Print Name of Accredited Veterinarian

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Signature of Federal Veterinarian  
(Apply Seal)

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Date

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Type or Print Name of Federal Veterinarian