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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF TAIWAN FOR
SHEEP AND GOATS 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 veterinarian. The certification shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, African swine fever, and rinderpest for at least 5 years.
2. The animals to be exported are not affected with or have not been exposed to scrapie, nor have they been on any farm that was a source flock premises. The animals are not the sires or dams or full or half sisters or brothers of any animal affected with scrapie.
3. The animals originated from a farm where (a) brucellosis, sheep pox, goat pox, scabies, tuberculosis (TB), Johne's disease, bluetongue or hemorrhagic septicemia has not been known to occur for the preceding year and (b) scrapie, contagious pustular dermatitis, enzootic abortion of sheep, melioidosis, Maedi-visna, pseudorinderpest, leptospirosis, vibriosis or listeriosis has not been known to occur for the preceding 6 months, respectively.
4. The animals originated from a State or territory where vesicular stomatitis has not been known to occur for the last 12 months prior to export.
5. The animals were not vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest or with any other vaccines that have not been approved.
6. The animals were isolated from all other animals under the supervision of a USDA-accredited veterinarian in a USDA-approved export isolation facility from (date) _____ to (date) _____. The animals were isolated for at least 14 days.
7. The animals were treated twice with dehydrostreptomycin at a rate of 25 mg/kg body weight at 14-day intervals with the second injection being given within 2 days prior to shipment. (This statement is not required if the animals can be tested as required in Item 4 under test requirements.)

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TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests during USDA-approved export isolation. The test for TB must be conducted not less than 60 days and not more than 90 days prior to export. The TB test can be conducted before the animals are placed in isolation.

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin
2. Brucellosis:
 - (a) Goats - standard tube agglutination test at 1:50 dilution
 - (b) Sheep - complement fixation (CF) test at 1:10 dilution for B. ovis
3. Johne's disease: CF test at 1:8 dilution or fecal culture test
4. Leptospirosis: Microscopic agglutination test at 1:100 dilution for serotypes L. canicola, L. pomona, and L. icterohaemorrhagiae. (This test is not required if the certification statements in number 7 can be met.)
5. Bluetongue: CF test at 1:5 dilution and agar gel immunodiffusion test
6. Vesicular stomatitis: Serum neutralization test at 1:8 dilution.

OTHER INFORMATION

The animals must be transported in cleaned and disinfected containers and vehicles. In addition, the animals must not be transshipped through a country or district where foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia or African swine fever exists. No additional feed, fodder, bedding or other animal should be loaded during the journey.

EMBARKATION STATEMENTS

At the port of embarkation, a Veterinary Services port veterinarian shall attach the Certificate of

Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) to the Origin Health Certificate. The 17-37 must show:

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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; and
4. A statement that the animals have, within 24 hours of embarkation, been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto.