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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF TRINIDAD 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, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, lumpy skin disease and Rift-Valley fever.
2. No clinical cases of vesicular stomatitis have been reported in the United States during the past 12 months.
3. The herd from which the animals originated have not exhibited any clinical signs of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).
4. The animals offered for export are physically sound and free from any clinical signs of paratuberculosis, infectious kerato-conjunctivitis, bovine viral diarrhea/mucosal disease, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/pustular vulvovaginitis, genital campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis, and other communicable diseases.
5. The animals offered for export originated from a State considered free from bluetongue (BT) OR from herds where there has been no clinical evidence of BT during the past 2 years, and have not been discharged in any BT infected areas during transportation.
6. The animals offered for export originate from herds that have had no clinical, serological or abattoir evidence of enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL) during the past 2 years, or see Test Requirement No. 6.
7. The animals were treated for internal and external parasites (including ticks and flukes) between 7 and 14 days prior to exportation. (Note the date and products used on the health certificate.)
8. The female animals originate from herds where no clinical cases of either trichomoniasis or campylobacteriosis has been reported to occur.

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: No test required for official calfhood vaccinates (OCV) for dairy breeds under 20 months of age or for beef breeds under 24 months of age. OCV's must be so indicated on the health certificate

All other animals: standard tube or standard plate test at 1:50 dilution - (all nonvaccinated animals are to be tested regardless of age)
3. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *L. pomona*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. grippityphosa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. canicola*;

OR, vaccination between 15 and 120 days prior to embarkation (Note the date and product used on the health certificate), OR

the animals were treated twice by injection with 25mg/kg of dihydrostreptomycin, the first injection given 14 days prior to embarkation and the second on the day of shipment
4. Campylobacteriosis: For breeding bulls, culture of the preputial smegma
For female animals see Certification Statement No. 8
5. Trichomoniasis: For breeding bulls, culture of the preputial smegma
For female animals see Certification Statement No. 8
6. Bovine leukosis: Agar gel immunodiffusion test (AGID);
OR - See Certification Statement No. 6
7. BT: AGID

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 inspector (Veterinary Officer, St. George) c/o Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Havelock Street, Curepe, Trinidad, West Indies; telephone (809) 662-5986, must be notified 24 hours in advance of the animals' anticipated time of arrival.
2. Upon their arrival in Trinidad, the animals will be quarantined at an approved facility for 30 days.