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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BELIZE 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 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 complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The animals are individually identified and have been under officially supervised isolation and observation for 30 days prior to exportation. The animals have been separate from animals not being exported.
2. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease and heartwater.
3. The animals came from herds and farms with no known history of infectious or contagious disease during the 30 days prior to export.
4. The farm of origin and neighboring farms to a radius of 16 Km have not been under quarantine in the last 60 days for any infectious or contagious disease affecting the species.
5. The animals were not exposed in the 60 days prior to exportation to vesicular stomatitis or any infectious or contagious disease affecting the species.
6. The farm of origin has been free of paratuberculosis during the 6 months prior to embarkation.
7. The animals come from herds and farms with no known history of maedi-visna, scrapie, anthrax, and caprine-arthritis encephalitis.
8. The vehicles used in the transport of the animals from the farm of origin to Belize were cleaned and disinfected prior to use using approved products.
9. The animals will be inspected at the time of embarkation by an official veterinarian showing no clinical evidence of tumors, fresh and healing wounds, ectoparasites, or infectious or contagious disease.

## **VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENTS**

1. The animals must be vaccinated against black leg and malignant edema.
2. The animals were vaccinated within 90 days but before 15 days of exportation with a 5-way leptospirosis vaccine (canicola, grippotyphosa, hardjo, icterohemorrhagica, and pomona).
3. The animals were treated within 15 days of exportation for internal and external parasites using approved products.

## **TESTS**

Within 30 days prior to embarkation, the animals were tested with negative results for the following diseases:

1. Brucellosis: Card (Rose Bengal test)
2. Tuberculosis: intradermal test.
3. Test for *Fasciola hepatica*.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. The animals will be inspected at the point of entry by a veterinary officer of the Ministry of Agriculture. Goats not permitted entry will be returned to origin. Veterinary inspection will be done during day-light hours only.
2. Any cost incurred in processing the animals for entry will be borne by the importer. Cost can be associated with euthanasia, post mortem, disinfection, neat inspection, laboratory testing, and quarantine.

## **EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION**

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.