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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARGENTINA FOR YAKS 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 complete name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The animals for export were born and raised in the United States, or originate from a country of similar health status to that of the United States and recognized by Argentina as such, or have resided in the United States for at least 12 months.
2. The United States is free of lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, Cowdriosis, Akabane, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, and Theileriosis.
3. During the 6 months prior to embarkation no cases of tuberculosis, brucellosis, bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis, malignant catarrhal fever, Q-fever, anthrax and paratuberculosis have been reported to occur on the premises of origin.
4. The animals for export are not being culled as part of a national eradication or control program.
5. At the time of embarkation, the animals for export did not exhibit any signs of parasitic, infectious or contagious diseases.
6. The animals originate from premises where bovine spongiform encephalopathy has never been suspected or diagnosed, and the animals have never been fed ruminant (ovine) derived protein.
7. The animals were isolated in a USDA-approved isolation facility for at least 30 days while the required tests were being conducted (the dates of the isolation must be noted on the health certificate).

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER TREATMENTS

1. The animals were vaccinated against anthrax (if permitted in the State) and black leg on _____ (date) with _____ (name of products) between 30 and 180 days prior to embarkation. (If vaccination against anthrax is prohibited in the State of origin, a statement certifying such should appear on the health certificate).

2. The animals were treated for endo- and ecto-parasites using approved products at effective dosages within 30 days of exportation (indicate name of product and date).

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days prior to export:

1. Brucellosis: Card test
2. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin.
3. Paratuberculosis: Complement Fixation (CF) test
4. Blue tongue: CF test, OR AGID test
5. Q-Fever: CF test (NOTE: this test must be conducted within 10 days of embarkation)
6. Vesicular Stomatitis: Serum Neutralization test at 1:8 dilution; OR ELISA test
7. Malignant catarrhal fever: CF test, or ELISA test

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The Government of Argentina requires official certification that all movements related to the exportation of the animals have been done in cleaned and disinfected vehicles. (The statement in the space "certification by issuing veterinarian", above block 19 on the VS 17-140, will meet this requirement if cleaning and disinfection takes place.)
2. The isolation facility may be approved by either Veterinary Services or the USDA-accredited veterinarian. The facility must be under direct official (VS or USDA-accredited veterinarian) oversight.
3. The animals will be quarantined upon arrival in Argentina for as long as it is necessary to complete testing that needs to be conducted.
4. Note: Brokers and exporters should be aware that custom and animal health officials in Argentina require that health certificates be bilingual (Spanish and English) or be translated into Spanish at the time of presentation. Area offices, however, should not refuse to endorse health certificates presented in English only.
5. Note: Health certificates to Argentina no longer need to be validated at a consulate office.

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.