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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERATION OF
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AND REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA FOR
BREEDING CATTLE 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 the consignor and 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 (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, and cattle plague (rinderpest) and vaccination against these diseases is not practiced in the United States.
2. The United States has been free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) during the last 12 months.
3. The animals originated from a State where vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the last 12 months.
4. The farm of origin as well as an area encompassed in a 20 kilometer radius from the farm of origin has been free of anthrax during the last 30 days according to the official findings of Veterinary Services.
5. The animals originated from herds that have been free of brucellosis and tuberculosis for the last 12 months.
6. The animals offered for export originated from herds that have been clinically free of leptospirosis, trichomoniasis, genital campylobacteriosis, and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis (IBR/IPV) for the last 12 months.
7. The animals offered for export originated from herds where there have been no cases of rabies in the past 6 months.
8. The animals offered for export originated from herds that have been clinically free of enzootic leukosis (EBL) for the past 3 years.
9. The animals offered for export originated from herds which were not subject to any legal restrictions by Veterinary Services as part of the brucellosis eradication program.

10. The animals offered for export were born in the U.S. or have been in the U.S. for at least 6 months prior to shipment.
11. The animals offered for export have been at the farm or origin for at least 3 months prior to shipment.
12. The animals offered for export have been treated for fascioliasis with approved drugs within 30 days prior to shipment.
13. The animals offered for export originated from herds that have been clinically free of bluetongue (BT) for the past 12 months.
14. The animals offered for export have spent at least 30 days in pre-export isolation approved and supervised by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.
15. The animals offered for export have been vaccinated for IBR/IPV on (date) with _____ inactivated vaccine within 30 days of export. (name of products)
16. The animals offered for export have not been vaccinated for brucellosis or have been calfhood vaccinated with RB-51 vaccine. (The government of Bosnia-Herzegovina does not allow the importation of cattle vaccinated with strain 19 vaccine.)
17. The animals have been treated twice for leptospirosis at 15-day intervals with long-acting oxytetracycline at a dosage of 20 mg per kg body weight. (The exporter must arrange for two doses of long-acting oxytetracycline for each animal shipped to accompany the animals for use after arrival in Bosnia.)

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals offered for export were negative to the following tests during export isolation, except the test for bovine tuberculosis and the first test for EBL that can be conducted prior to isolation:

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test within 60 days of export.
2. Brucellosis: Standard tube agglutination test or standard plate agglutination test at 1:50 dilution, or complement fixation (CF) test at 1:10 dilution within 30 days of shipment.
3. EBL: Two agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) or ELISA tests, 30 to 90 days apart with the second test being conducted within 30 days of export.
4. Bluetongue: AGID or ELISA test within 30 days of export.

5. Paratuberculosis: CF test at 1:8 dilution or an ELISA test within 30 days of export.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The method of testing for EBL must be the same for both tests performed. (i.e. If the AGID is used for the first test then the second test must be completed using the AGID test.
2. En route to the port of embarkation, the animals offered for export must not pass through areas affected with the infectious diseases of concern listed in these import requirements.
3. The importer or shipper must promptly notify the Veterinary Inspector of the arrival of the shipment in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
4. The importer is required to disinfect the vehicle following unloading of the shipment.
5. The shipment will be held in quarantine under observation of a competent Veterinary Inspector from the date of arrival to completion of the tests prescribed or until it is found that the animals are healthy and free of infectious diseases.
6. During quarantine upon arrival, the animals may be tested for the following diseases: brucellosis, EBL, bovine tuberculosis, and paratuberculosis.
7. Before being released from quarantine, all imported animals must be tagged in the ear or branded in the prescribed manner. The branding or tagging will be done by the authorized Veterinary Inspector.

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 animal 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.