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## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE BAHAMAS FOR SWINE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The swine must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must carry the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals. In addition, the certificate must include the following certification statements and the results of the indicated testing:

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The swine were inspected by me on \_\_\_\_\_, which is within 30 days prior to the date of export, and were found healthy and free of evidence of any communicable disease, including ectoparasite infestation, and to my knowledge the swine have not been exposed to any infectious disease of swine within the last 60 days.
2. The swine were isolated from the rest of the herd(s) of origin and from animals of other species for at least 30 days immediately prior to the date of export.
3. No clinical or slaughter-surveillance evidence of atrophic rhinitis has been reported for the herd(s) of origin for the last 12 months.
4. No clinical cases of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) have been diagnosed in the herd(s) of origin in the last 12 months and vaccination against PRRS has not been practiced in the herd(s) of origin during this period.
5. The herd(s) of origin is (are) free of tuberculosis, brucellosis, and Aujeszky's disease (pseudorabies) and clinically free of erysipelas, leptospirosis, swine dysentery, and transmissible gastroenteritis.
6. No case of vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the herd(s) of origin in the last 2 years and the herd(s) is (are) considered to be free of the disease.
7. The swine were treated for ectoparasites on \_\_\_\_\_, which is within 30 days prior to the date of export, with \_\_\_\_\_, a product approved for said purpose.
8. The swine were treated for internal parasites on \_\_\_\_\_, which is within 7 days prior to the date of export, with \_\_\_\_\_, a broad-spectrum anthelmintic.

## TEST REQUIREMENTS

Within 30 days of export, the swine must be tested as prescribed below and found negative:

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis: Serum agglutination test (e.g., Card test) at a VS-certified laboratory or *B. abortus* complement fixation test (cold) at a 1:10 dilution.
3. Leptospirosis: Microagglutination test at a 1:100 dilution for serovars *canicola*, *grippityphosa*, *icterohaemorrhagiae*, and *pomona*.
4. Aujeszky's Disease: Serum neutralization (SN) test at a 1:4 dilution or latex agglutination test at a heat-inactivated 1:4 dilution.
5. PRRS: ELISA.
6. TGE: SN test at a 1:8 dilution or ELISA.

## EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian must attach to the U.S Origin Health Certificate a completed VS Form 17-37, Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals, 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 of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. None of the swine may be older than 2 years.
2. The Veterinary Division of the Department of Agriculture of the Bahamas must be notified of the shipment at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of arrival.