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QUARANTINE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FOXES EXPORTED FROM  
THE UNITED STATES TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

(Provisional)

1. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), shall be responsible for implementation of veterinary inspection and the issuance of certificates.
2. The Chinese side shall send veterinarians to the farms of export foxes, testing laboratories and quarantine facilities to cooperate with U.S. veterinarians in making inspection and quarantine.
3. The United States of America officially confirms that it is free from foot-and-mouth disease.
4. The farms of export foxes shall meet the following requirements:
  - 4.1 There has been no occurrence of rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis nor pseudorabies on the farms of export foxes nor on the other fox farms in the neighborhood during the 3 years prior to shipment.
  - 4.2 There has been no occurrence of parvovirus of fur animals nor dog distemper on the farms of export foxes during the 12 months prior to shipment.
  - 4.3 The foxes for shipment have remained on the export fox farms for at least 6 months prior to exportation.
  - 4.4 The foxes for shipment have been kept in cages.
5. All foxes for shipment shall be within the effective period of immunity for distemper, with indications of the date of vaccination, type of vaccine, and manufacturer.
6. The foxes to be exported shall be subjected on the farms of origin to close individual clinical examinations with all animals free of signs of infectious and contagious disease and to the following examinations for the corresponding diseases with negative results. Only animals with negative results are eligible for export:
  - 6.1 Brucellosis:
    - a. B. abortus: Complement-fixation test with less than 50% fixation at 1:10 dilution.
    - b. B. canis: Tube agglutination test at 1:50 dilution.
    - c. B. canis: Rapid slide agglutination test.

- 6.2 Rabies: Vaccinated with U.S. officially approved vaccines, specifying date of vaccination, type of vaccine, and manufacturer.
  - 6.3 Pseudorabies: Serum neutralization test results to be interpreted according to American standards.
7. During the quarantine period, all animals to be exported shall be treated against internal and external parasites under the supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian with U.S. Government approved effective parasiticides.
8. All crates, vehicles, and ships or aircraft to be used for transportation of the animals to China shall be cleaned and disinfected with a USDA-approved disinfectant.
9. The health certificate shall have detailed information on the clinical diagnosis, test methods and results for each animal, the name and dosage of drugs used in treatment of parasites and disinfectants used in disinfection as well as using dates and places.
10. During the transportation, the animals to be exported shall not pass through serious epizootic disease infected areas and shall not have any contact with animals not of the same consignment.
11. Feeds and bedding to be used during the quarantine and the transportation shall come from an area free of any symptoms of any infectious or contagious diseases within 24 hours before shipment.
12. The animals to be exported shall be clinically examined and be found healthy and free of symptoms of any infectious or contagious diseases within 24 hours before shipment.