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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR GOATS AND SHEEP 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 United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, Borna disease, akabane, heartwater, Rift Valley fever, contagious agalactia, and peste des petits ruminants for the past 36 months.
2. Scrapie has not been known to exist on the premises of origin during the 3 years immediately prior to shipment and the animal/s are not the progeny of a sire or dam that was affected with scrapie.
3. The premises of origin have been free of bluetongue for at least 24 months prior to shipment; OR the animals have been quarantined in an approved isolation facility or in a bluetongue-free establishment for 40 days prior to shipment during which time they were tested negative for bluetongue.
4. The animal(s) are clinically healthy and showed no signs of infectious or contagious diseases, and during the 12 months prior to shipment, there have been no reported cases of Pulmonary Adenomatosis, Nairobi Sheep Disease, Maedi-visna, or Rabies affecting sheep or goats in the area of origin.
5. The animals were isolated, under official supervision, for 30 days during which time showed no clinical signs of infectious diseases, and were tested with negative results for the indicated diseases.

TESTS AND TREATMENTS:

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

1. Caprine arthritis and encephalitis (Goats only): AGID test or ELISA test
2. Brucellosis (*B abortus*): BAPA or CF test
3. Bluetongue (for medium and high incidence States): AGID or ELISA test
4. Tuberculosis: intradermal test
5. Parasites: treatment against endo and ectoparasites using products with proven efficacy (Note product used and treatment date on certificate)

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. All diagnostic tests must be conducted in State approved or officially approved laboratories and must be presented at port of entry in order to facilitate veterinary clearance.
2. The veterinary division must be given at least 24 hours notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline, and port of entry.
3. At the time of embarkation the animals showed no clinical evidence of infectious diseases.
4. The animals were transported directly, without coming into contact with other animals not part of the export shipment, to the port of embarkation in clean and disinfected vehicles.
5. Note: Products and vaccines used, as well as dates of treatment and vaccination, must appear on the health certificate.

EMBARKATION:

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.