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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS 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 (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. In addition, the certificate must contain the following certification statements as well as the results of the indicated testing, as required:

# **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The swine were born and raised in the United States.

2. The United States is free of African swine fever, enterovirus encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease), foot-and-mouth disease, hog cholera (classical swine fever), and swine vesicular disease,

3. No clinical evidence of leptospirosis has been detected in the herd of origin in the 3 months prior to export.

4. No clinical evidence of anthrax, atrophic rhinitis, rabies, swine erysipelas, transmissible gastroenteritis, or vesicular stomatitis has been detected in the herd of origin in the 12 months prior to export.

5. The herd of origin is in a State in which no case of vesicular stomatitis has been reported in the 12 months prior to export.

6. The herd of origin is free of Aujeszky's disease (pseudorabies), brucellosis, and tuberculosis.

7. On\_\_\_\_\_, which is within 14 days of export, the swine were treated with\_\_\_\_\_, (a) product(s) effective against ecto- and endoparasites.

### **TEST REQUIREMENTS**

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

1. Aujeszky's Disease:	Serum neutralization test at a 1:4 dilution
	OR latex agglutination test at a heat-inactivated
	1:4 dilution.

2. Brucellosis:

Serum agglutination test (e.g., Card test) at a VS-certified laboratory <u>OR</u> *B. abortus* complement fixation test (cold) at a 1:10 dilution. [Note: This test is required only for <u>breeding</u> swine.]

## **EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION**

At the port of embarkation, a VS 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 embarkation.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. The swine must be accompanied by a certification from the owner stating that they were not fed garbage and that any additions to the herd made within the 30 days immediately preceding the export shipment have been maintained isolated from the swine to be exported.

2. An import permit from the Department of Agriculture of the Government of the British Virgin Islands, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, is required.

3. British Virgin Islands officials must be notified of the animals' arrival at least 24 hours in advance or entry of the swine may be delayed or denied.