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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARUBA FOR SHEEP EXPORTED 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 the consignee, and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional certification shall include:

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free from contagious ovine pleuropneumonia (*Mycoplasma mycoides*), East coast fever, foot-and-mouth disease, heartwater, louping ill, Nairobi disease, peste des petits ruminants, rinderpest and sheep pox.
2. The animal(s) was (were) born and raised in the United States or were resident for not less than 90 days.
3. In the herd of origin no animal(s) with clinical signs of ovine progressive pneumonia (OPP, Maedi-Visna) or scrapie has (have) been detected during the past 3 years. No goat from a herd of inferior health status was introduced into this (these) herd(s) during this period.
4. The animal(s) is (are) in good health, physically sound and free from clinical signs of infectious disease including freedom from any symptoms of caseous lymphadenitis, ovine progressive pneumonia (OPP, Maedi-Visna), and scrapie.
5. The animal or the animals as a group were isolated under official supervision from other (groups of) animals, and they remained so for not less than 21 days prior to the date of export. Each animal has been identified with official eartag, breed, sex, and age.
6. The animals were treated on \_\_\_\_\_, which is within 48 hours prior to shipment, with \_\_\_\_\_, a product that provides broad spectrum coverage against internal parasites and is considered to be ovicidal and larvacidal. They were also treated at the same time with \_\_\_\_\_, a product approved for use against external parasites. There have been no cases of resistance to these products.
7. The animals have been vaccinated within 6 months prior to exportation against hemorrhagic septicemia, *Clostridium septicum*, *Clostridium chauvoei* and leptospirosis with a 5-way vaccine for *Leptospira canicola*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona*, and *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*.

8. The farms of origin are participants of the National Scrapie Eradication Program. In the farms of origin no case of scrapie has been diagnosed in the last 3 years. The animals are not scrapie-positive nor have they been exposed to scrapie, nor have they ever been in an infected flock, source flock, or trace flock nor are they the progeny, parent, or sibling of any scrapie-positive animal.

### **TEST REQUIREMENTS**

All animals must be tested with negative results as prescribed below within 30 days prior to export. The same tests may be repeated in Aruba. All test results to qualify the animals must be included.

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test using PPD tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis: Plate or tube agglutination test at a 1:50 dilution.
3. Bluetongue: One test AGID (Agar-gel immunodiffusion) test or ELISA. Animals that test positive may be further tested by either PCR or virus isolation conducted at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories. A negative PCR or virus isolation test will override a positive ELISA or AGID and animals will be released based on these negative results.
4. OPP/Maedi-Visna: One AGID test.

### **EMBARKATION STATEMENTS**

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate and the original laboratory test results, 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, sex and types of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and were found free from evidence of communicable disease, tumors, fresh wounds or wounds in the process of healing, or ectoparasites within 24 hours of exportation.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. In order to import live animals into Aruba, the consignee must have the Health Certificate and/or related test results approved by the Director of the Veterinary Service of Aruba before the animals are shipped to Aruba.

2. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance although this can be extended to 45 days if the animals have remained healthy and in isolation from other animals and the accredited veterinarian so certifies.
3. No animal, semen, fertilized ova, products, or equipments other than those listed on the import permit may be included in the shipment.
4. The animals must not transit any country under animal health quarantine in route to Aruba. In case of extreme necessity, it is indispensable to have a special permit from the Director of Veterinary Services of Aruba.