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## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF LEBANON FOR BREEDING CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The cattle 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 provide/specify the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee, the ports of embarkation and destination, identification of the means of transport, and complete identification of the animals. The certificate must also contain the following certification statements and the dates and results of the indicated testing.

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The United States is free of bovine theileriasis (e.g., East Coast fever), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, screwworm, and surra. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in the United States.
2. The States of origin of the cattle for export are free of heartwater.
3. With regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE):
  - a. the USDA has a surveillance program that exceeds OIE recommendations.
  - b. any animal considered by USDA to pose an unacceptable risk through its association with an affected animal will be destroyed and its carcass disposed of in a manner to avoid contamination of animal feed.
  - c. the feeding of ruminant meat-and-bone meal to ruminants in the United States has been prohibited since August 1997.
4. The cattle for export come from herds free of bovine tuberculosis and bovine brucellosis and no cases of these diseases were reported in the herds in the last 12 months.
5. No outbreak of any contagious disease has been reported in the herds of origin during the last 6 months.
6. The herds and premises of origin have never had a reported case of BSE.
7. The herds of origin have not been epidemiologically linked to a case of BSE.
8. The herds of origin have been clinically free anaplasmosis, bluetongue, bovine genital campylobacteriosis, enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL), infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), trichomoniasis, vesicular stomatitis for the last 6 months.
9. The cattle for export come from herds regularly vaccinated against IBR. [If this statement cannot be made, the cattle must be tested for IBR as prescribed below.]

10. The cattle for export are not scheduled to be destroyed under any national disease eradication program
11. The cattle for export were born and raised in the United States and are traceable to their premises of birth. The animals are under 30 months of age and are not known to have ever been fed any prohibited animal protein.
12. The cattle for export were examined within 30 days of shipment and found free of evidence of infectious disease.
13. Vehicles used to transport the cattle for export have been and/or will be properly cleaned and disinfected before loading with products acceptable to USDA.

### **TEST REQUIREMENTS**

The cattle must be tested as prescribed below, with negative results, within 30 days prior to shipment. All laboratory tests must be conducted at laboratories acceptable to USDA.

1. Tuberculosis:                   Intradermal caudal-fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis:                   Buffered *Brucella* antigen test (e.g., card test) OR complement fixation test (warm) at a 1:5 dilution OR ELISA.
3. EBL:                             Agar-gel immunodiffusion test OR ELISA.
4. IBR:                             Virus neutralization test OR ELISA. [Test required only if Certification Statement No. 9 cannot be made.]

### **EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION**

At the port of embarkation, a VS veterinarian shall 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 to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

**U.S. ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR  
EXPORT OF BREEDING CATTLE TO LEBANON**

**I. Animal identification:** See attached sheet.

**II. Name and address of consignor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Name and address of consignee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Port of embarkation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Port of destination :** \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Identification of means of transport:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. Certification Statements**

**A.** The United States is free of bovine theileriosis (e.g., East Coast fever), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, Rift Valley fever, rinderpest, screwworm, and surra. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in the United States.

**B.** The States of origin of the cattle for export are free of heartwater.

**C.** With regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE):

- 1.** the USDA has a surveillance program that exceeds OIE recommendations.
- 2.** any animal considered by USDA to pose an unacceptable risk through its association with an affected animal will be destroyed and its carcass disposed of in a manner to avoid contamination of animal feed.
- 3.** the feeding of ruminant meat-and-bone meal to ruminants in the United States has been prohibited since August 1997.

**D.** The cattle for export come from herds free of bovine tuberculosis and bovine brucellosis and no cases of these diseases were reported in the herds in the last 12 months.

**E.** No outbreak of any contagious disease has been reported in the herds of origin during the last 6 months.

**F.** The herds and premises of origin have never had a reported case of BSE.

**G.** The herds of origin have not been epidemiologically linked to a case of BSE.

**H.** The herds of origin have been clinically free anaplasmosis, bluetongue, bovine genital campylobacteriosis, enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL), infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), and trichomoniasis, and vesicular stomatitis for the last 6 months.

**I.** The cattle for export come from herds regularly vaccinated against IBR.<sup>1</sup>

**J.** The cattle for export are not scheduled to be destroyed under any national disease eradication program

**K.** The cattle for export were born and raised in the United States and are traceable to their premises of birth. The animals are under 30 months of age and are not known to have ever been fed any prohibited animal protein.

**L.** The cattle for export were examined within 30 days of shipment and found free of evidence of infectious disease.

**M.** Vehicles used to transport the cattle for export have been and/or will be properly cleaned and disinfected before loading with products acceptable to USDA.

### **VIII. Testing**

The cattle for export were tested as prescribed below, with negative results, within 30 days prior to shipment. All laboratory tests were conducted at laboratories acceptable to USDA.

**A.** Tuberculosis - by intradermal caudal-fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin.

Test date \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Brucellosis - by buffered *Brucella* antigen test (e.g., card test) OR<sup>2</sup> complement fixation test (warm) at a 1:5 dilution OR<sup>2</sup> ELISA.

Test date \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** EBL - by agar-gel immunodiffusion test OR<sup>2</sup> ELISA.

Test date \_\_\_\_\_

Health Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary  
Seal appears over the Certificate No.)

**D. IBR<sup>3</sup> - by virus neutralization test OR<sup>2</sup> ELISA.**

Test date \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Line out if the statement cannot be made. In such instances, the cattle must be tested for IBR as indicated in Section VIII.D.

<sup>2</sup>Line out the test/s that does/do not apply.

<sup>3</sup>Test required only if the statement in Section VII.I. cannot be made.

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Name of issuing accredited veterinarian

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Signature of issuing accredited veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Name of endorsing Federal veterinarian

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Signature of endorsing Federal veterinarian

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Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Note: This health certificate is not considered by the Government of Lebanon to be complete unless a completed VS Form 17-37, Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals, is attached, 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.**
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