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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOR SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The sheep 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 veterinarian. The certificate must contain the names and addresses of consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals. It must also contain details type, date, and results of the indicated testing. No certifications other than the standard assertion that the animals were inspected on the date of certificate issuance (i.e., "today") and found free of evidence of communicable disease are required.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The sheep must be tested as prescribed below, with negative results, within 30 days of movement for export. Each test must be performed at a laboratory acceptable to USDA.

1. Brucellosis (B. abortus/melitensis): Standard tube or plate agglutination test at a dilution of 1:50 OR card test OR complement fixation (CF) test at a dilution of 1:10 OR buffered acidified plate antigen presumptive test.
2. Brucellosis (B. ovis): CF test at a dilution of 1:10 OR ELISA.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port 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 exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

An Import Permit issued by the UAE Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries is required.