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Import requirements for goat import to Aruba from the United States

The animals must be accompanied by a US Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Service (VS) veterinarian.

The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, as well as complete identification of the animals to be exported.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States are free from contagious caprine pleuropneumonia (*Mycoplasma mycoides*), East Coast Fever, Foot and Mouth Disease, goat pox, heartwater, louping ill, Nairobi Disease, peste des petites ruminants and rinderpest.
2. The animal(s) was (were) born and raised in the United States or were residents for not less than 90 days.
3. In the herd of origin no animal(s) with clinical signs of caprine arthritis/encephalitis 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 free from any symptoms of caseous lymphadenitis, caprine arthritis/encephalitis (CAE) and scrapie.
5. The animal or 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 ear tag, breed, sex and age.
6. The animals were treated on _____, which is within 14 days 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 and the animals are kept separate from animals of lesser health status after treatment.
7. The animal(s) has (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*.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

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

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test using PPD tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis: the animals tested negative by any of the following tests:
 - a. plate or tube agglutination test at a 1:50 dilution.
 - b. 3% card test*;
 - c. Fluorescent Polarization Assay (FPA)*;
 - d. Complement fixation (CF).

*Animals testing non-negative by 3% card test are considered eligible for export if negative on FPA, and non-negative FPA animals are eligible for export if negative on CF.

3. Blue tongue: one test AGID (Agar-gel Immunodiffusion) test or ELISA. Animals that test positive may be further be 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. Caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis: AGID test or ELISA.

EMBARKATION STATEMENTS

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate and the original laboratory results, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. Name and address of the consignor.
2. Name and address of the consignee.
3. The number, sex and types of animals to be exported.
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 a health Certificate and/or related test results approved by the Head of the Veterinary Service of Aruba before the animals are shipped to Aruba.
2. The US Origin Health Certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance although this can be extended 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 equipment 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 Head of the Veterinary Service of Aruba.

The Veterinary Service requires receipt of all paperwork through an import broker prior to shipment.

If the paperwork is approved, the permit application process ('AANVRAAG INVOERVERGUNNING') will proceed and be ready at the local customs upon arrival of the LIVE ANIMALS.

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