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Import requirements for sheep 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 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 animal 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 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 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 sheep/goat(s) originate from premises where, for the past 7 years, the animal(s) has/have had no clinical signs, diagnosis or epidemiological evidence of scrapie and also that no sheep/goat from a flock/herd of inferior scrapie health status was introduced into these premises during that period.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were tested for the following diseases with negative results within 30 days prior to export. The same tests may be repeated in Aruba.

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 at 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. 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 or multivalent lentivirus ELISA for CAE/M-V/OPP.

EMBARKATION STATEMENTS

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1. The name, address and telephone number of the consignor.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the consignee.
3. The number, breed, 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 found to be healthy and 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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