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## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAPAN FOR BREEDING 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 the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals. In addition, the certificate must contain the following certification statements and the dates and results of the indicated testing.

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The United States is free of rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, sheep pox, and sheep scabies.
2. The sheep show no clinical signs of vibriosis or contagious pustular dermatitis (contagious ecthyma) and have been vaccinated against these diseases.
3. The sheep originate from a flock in which no sheep have been found affected with scrapie in the 18 months prior to the date when the sheep were placed in export quarantine.
4. No animals in the flock of origin show any clinical signs of listeriosis.

### **TEST REQUIREMENTS**

The animals must be tested for tuberculosis and paratuberculosis as prescribed below, with negative results, at least 20 days, but not more than 60 days, prior to shipment:

1. Tuberculosis: 0.1 ml mammalian tuberculin intradermally, read at 72 hours.
2. Paratuberculosis: 0.1 ml johnin intradermally, read at 72 hours.

The animals must be tested as prescribed below, with negative results, within 30 days of exportation:

1. Brucellosis: 1:50 (standard tube test or standard plate test)
2. Enzootic abortion of sheep (Miyagawanella): 1:32 (complement fixation test)
3. Leptospirosis: 1:400 (microtiter agglutination test for L. pomona)
4. Bluetongue: CF test
5. Paratuberculosis: CF test

## **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**

1. All sheep that do not show negative to the tests conducted must be immediately removed from the group of animals to be exported.
2. The sheep for export must be held in USDA-approved isolation facilities for at least 7 days prior to shipment and regularly inspected by a VS veterinarian with no clinical signs of infectious disease found. The dates of commencement and completion of isolation must be noted on the health certificate.
3. During the premises isolation period, the sheep must be dipped once in a permitted dip and during this period be maintained under inspection by a VS veterinarian.
4. All equipment, containers, and carriers employed for transportation of the sheep for export must be cleaned and disinfected with an approved disinfectant prior to use (with the animals in question).
5. The sheep for export must be transported without contact with any other domestic livestock.
6. Feed and litter employed for the sheep for export must be of U.S. origin. The feed and litter used in the U.S.-approved premises isolation facility and that used during transportation must be from the same source. No feed or litter from other sources may be added en route.