

SFCP 2013

An Overview of the Revised Program



National Scrapie Eradication Program

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Background & Implementation Timeline

How does the SFCP fit into the scrapie eradication program?

- In 1947, the first case of scrapie was confirmed in the United States.
- In 1952, USDA initiated the national scrapie eradication program.
 - Successfully limited the spread of scrapie beyond the black-faced meat breeds
 - Eradication was hindered by a lack of both scientific knowledge and preclinical testing
- In 1992, through negotiated rulemaking USDA added a voluntary scrapie flock certification program (SFCP) to the national scrapie eradication program.
 - Opportunity for sheep and goat producers to elect to follow protocols designed to minimize scrapie exposure in their flocks/herds.



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How does the SFCP fit into the scrapie eradication program?

- In 2001, USDA committed to complete eradication of scrapie from the U.S. as a result of
 - BSE
 - International trade advantages enjoyed by Australia and New Zealand
 - Increasing scientific knowledge of the disease, including the role of genetics in sheep scrapie susceptibility/resistance.
 - Advent of a preclinical, live animal test
- To achieve this objective USDA initiated the accelerated scrapie eradication program.
- SFCP was maintained as one of several components of the overall eradication plan.
 - **Note:** although participation in the SFCP is voluntary, the other components of the national scrapie eradication program are mandatory for *all* sheep and goat producers.



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Why Revise the SFCP?

- The objective of the National Scrapie Eradication Program is to find and remove the last remaining sheep and goats infected with classical scrapie in the U.S., and then document the absence of the disease for a period of 7 years to gain international recognition as a scrapie-free country.
- As a result of the accelerated national scrapie eradication program, started in 2001 and including the Regulatory Scrapie Slaughter Surveillance program initiated in spring 2003, scrapie prevalence has decreased 87% over the past 12 years.



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Why Revise the SFCP?

- The challenge now is to maintain current levels of surveillance through traditional channels while also increasing flock-level sampling to find the last remaining cases of classical scrapie
- In the current budget environment this is becoming more challenging to accomplish
 - Most APHIS budgets have been decreased in recent years, including the National Scrapie Eradication Program budget, and further budget cuts are anticipated in upcoming years
 - To find the last remaining cases, every budget dollar must be directed to the most impactful components of the program.



SFCP Revision Timeline

- Winter-Spring, 2011 – National scrapie staff analyzed the scrapie program to identify which components are most impactful on the eradication of classical scrapie from the U.S.
 - Surveillance activities are the most impactful
 - SFCP, as currently structured, is less impactful
- Strategy
 - Develop a set of options for revising the program
 - Engage in Stakeholder Outreach
 - Make a decision
 - Rewrite SFCP standards and publish a Notice informing the public of the revisions under consideration



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SFCP Revision Timeline: Options Considered

- **Option 1**
 - Eliminate Both Selective & Complete Category and use Accredited Vets or User Fees for all inspections and sampling in the remaining Export Category
- **Option 2**
 - Maintain all 3 categories
 - Use Accredited Vets or User Fees for all inspections and sampling
- **Option 3**
 - Maintain all 3 categories
 - Decrease frequency of inspections
 - Implement a point system for animals sampled
- **Option 4**
 - Eliminate Complete Category
 - Revise the Selective category with no annual inspections but with sampling requirement
 - Maintain the Export category



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SFCP Revision Timeline: Stakeholder Engagement

- Spring 2011
 - National scrapie staff sent a Critical Issues report to Dr. John Clifford, APHIS Deputy Administrator, requesting permission to begin stakeholder engagement to evaluate possible changes to the SFCP (May 2, 2011)
 - Initial internal stakeholder (VS) engagement (May 17, 2011)
 - ❖ Webinar on proposed changes for VS and State employees working in the scrapie eradication program.
 - National SFCP Oversight Board (May 26, 2011)
 - ❖ Webinar on proposed changes for members of the National SFCP Oversight Board



SFCP Revision Timeline: 2011 - Stakeholder Engagement

- Summer 2011
 - External stakeholder engagement, NASAHO, industry, participants
 - ❖ 2 conference calls with VS/State employees
 - ❖ 1 conference call for the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials (NASAHO)
 - ❖ 6 webinars for State Animal Health Officials (SAHOs), industry, sheep/goat registries and SFCP participants
 - Letter to all SFCP participants
 - ❖ Sent July 27, 2011
 - ❖ Requested input by September 30, 2011



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SFCP Revision Timeline: Revised Standards

- Spring, 2012
 - Scrapie staff drafted revised standards based on Option 4.
- Summer, 2012
 - Scrapie staff submitted the draft revised standards to APHIS and State employees working in the scrapie program.
 - Based on feedback, the draft standards underwent revisions
- Fall, 2012
 - Draft revised standards submitted for VS review and approval
- Spring, 2013
 - Draft revised standards approved



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SFCP Revision Timeline: Notice in the Federal Register

- May 3, 2013
 - Notice is published in the Federal Register announcing APHIS' is considering revisions to the SFCP, and inviting comment for a 30-day period.
 - Per the Notice, the revised SFCP will go into effect at the conclusion of the comment period unless significant scientific or regulatory considerations are brought to light from comments received.
- June 2013
 - Conclusion of the comment period.
 - Revised SFCP goes into effect.



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SFCP Revision Timeline

- **Implementation**

- Letters to all SFCP participants

- ❖ Letter 1:

- Sent April 23, 2013, about 1 week prior to publication of the Notice in the Federal Register
- Outlined options and actions required (if complete category)
- Directed participants to the APHIS website for full details in the revised standards.

- ❖ Letter 2:

- Sent June 24, 2013, after the conclusion of the comment period/start of the revised program
- Again, outlined options and actions required



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Actions Required by Current SFCP Participants

- The revised SFCP went into effect June 4, 2013.
- SFCP participants with Completed Monitored or Certified status need to decide if they intend to remain in the SFCP, and if so whether they wish to convert to the Select category or the Export category.
 - Flock owners electing to remain in the SFCP and convert to either the Select or Export category must notify their VS Area Office, in writing, of this intention by October 31, 2013.
 - If the October 31 deadline is missed, the flock owner will have to apply for admission as a new participant.



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Summary of the Revised SFCP

In a Nutshell, How has the SFCP Changed?

The Complete category has been eliminated

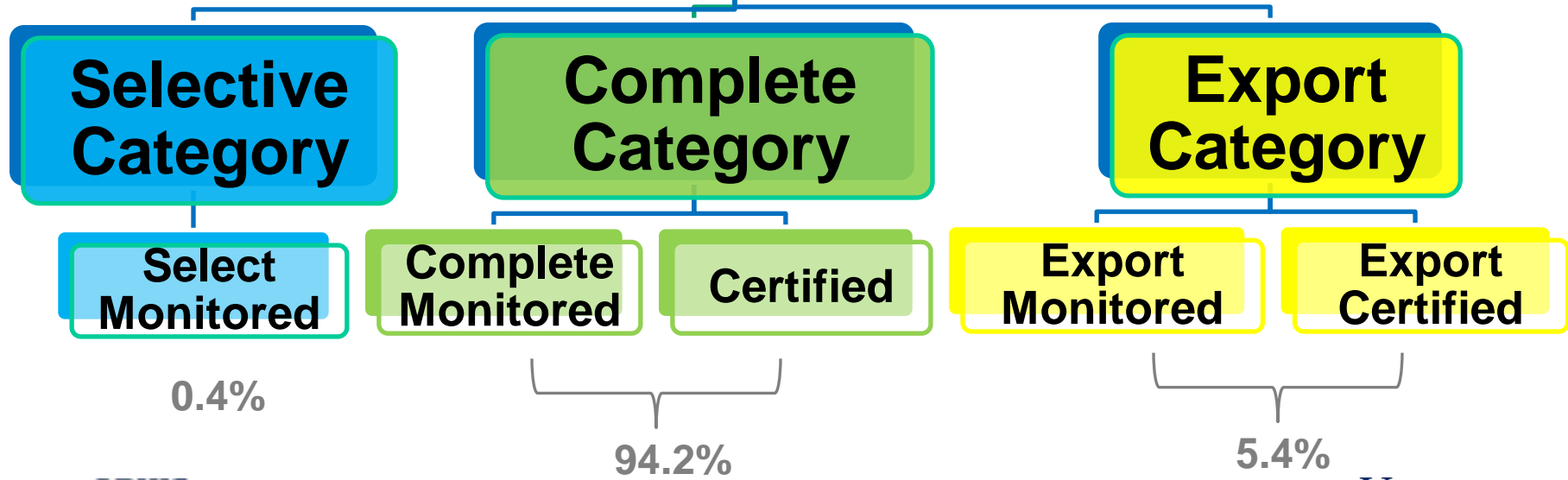
- Complete category participants who wish to stay in the program have 2 options
 - ❖ **Join revised Select category**
 - No inspections
 - Submit specified number of animals for scrapie testing

 - ❖ **Join the Export category and grandfather in with up to 5 years time in status**
 - Must submit all mature found dead animals
 - If the flock held “Certified” status in the previous program, APHIS will continue to publish its “Certified” status on our website, in addition to its “Export Monitored” status, for 3 years following the start of the revised program



Previous SFCP Structure

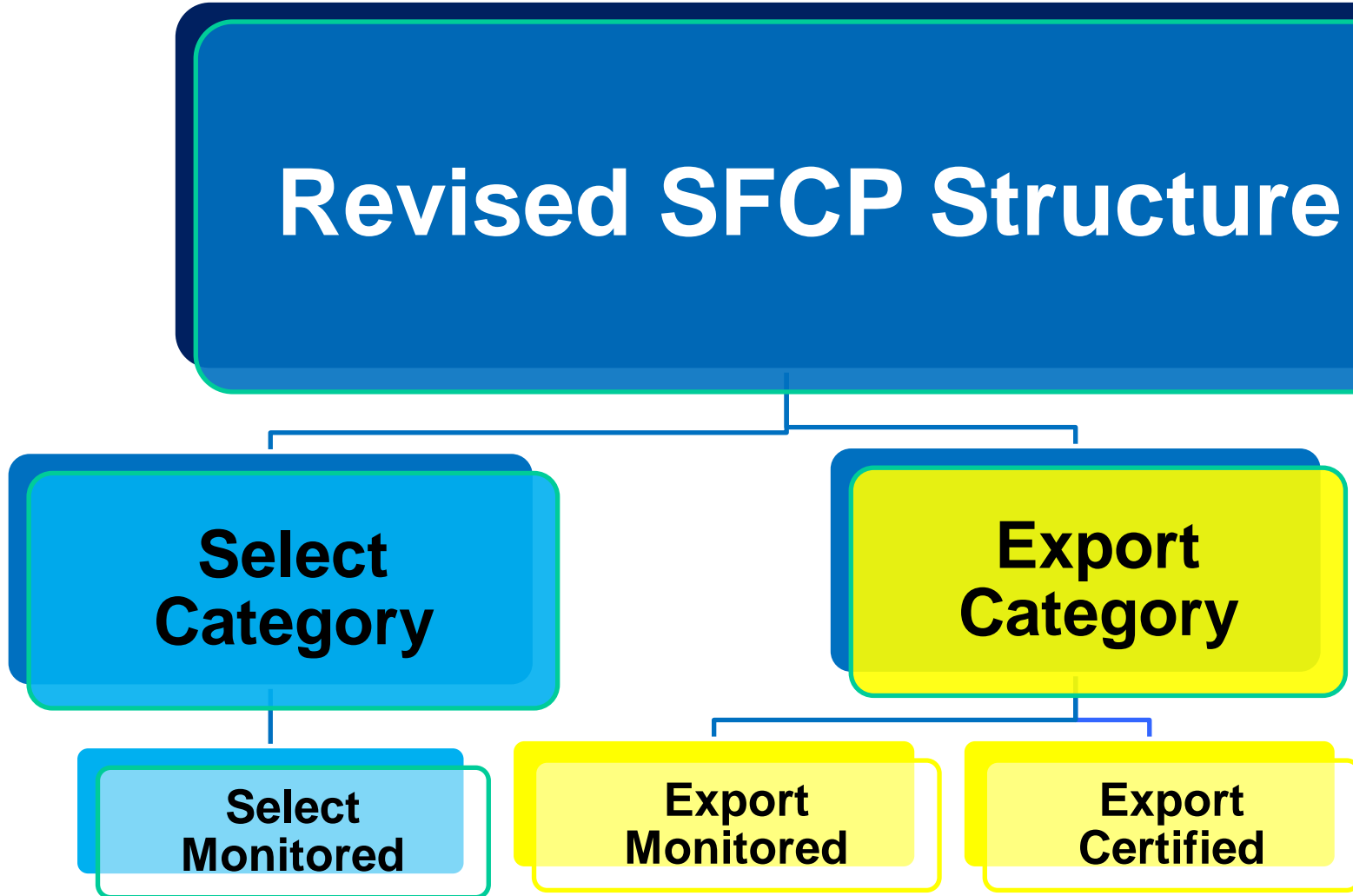
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Revised SFCP Structure

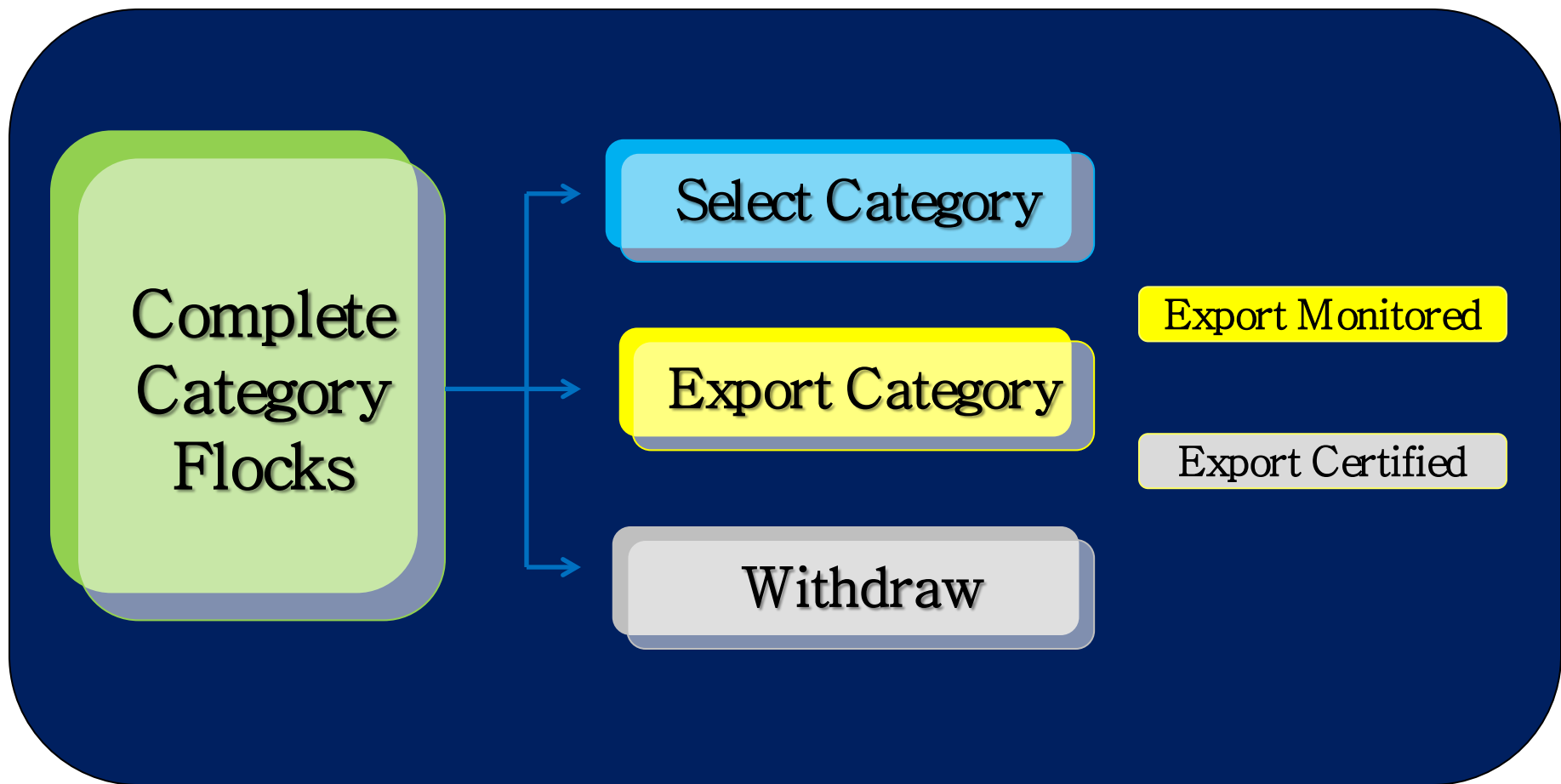


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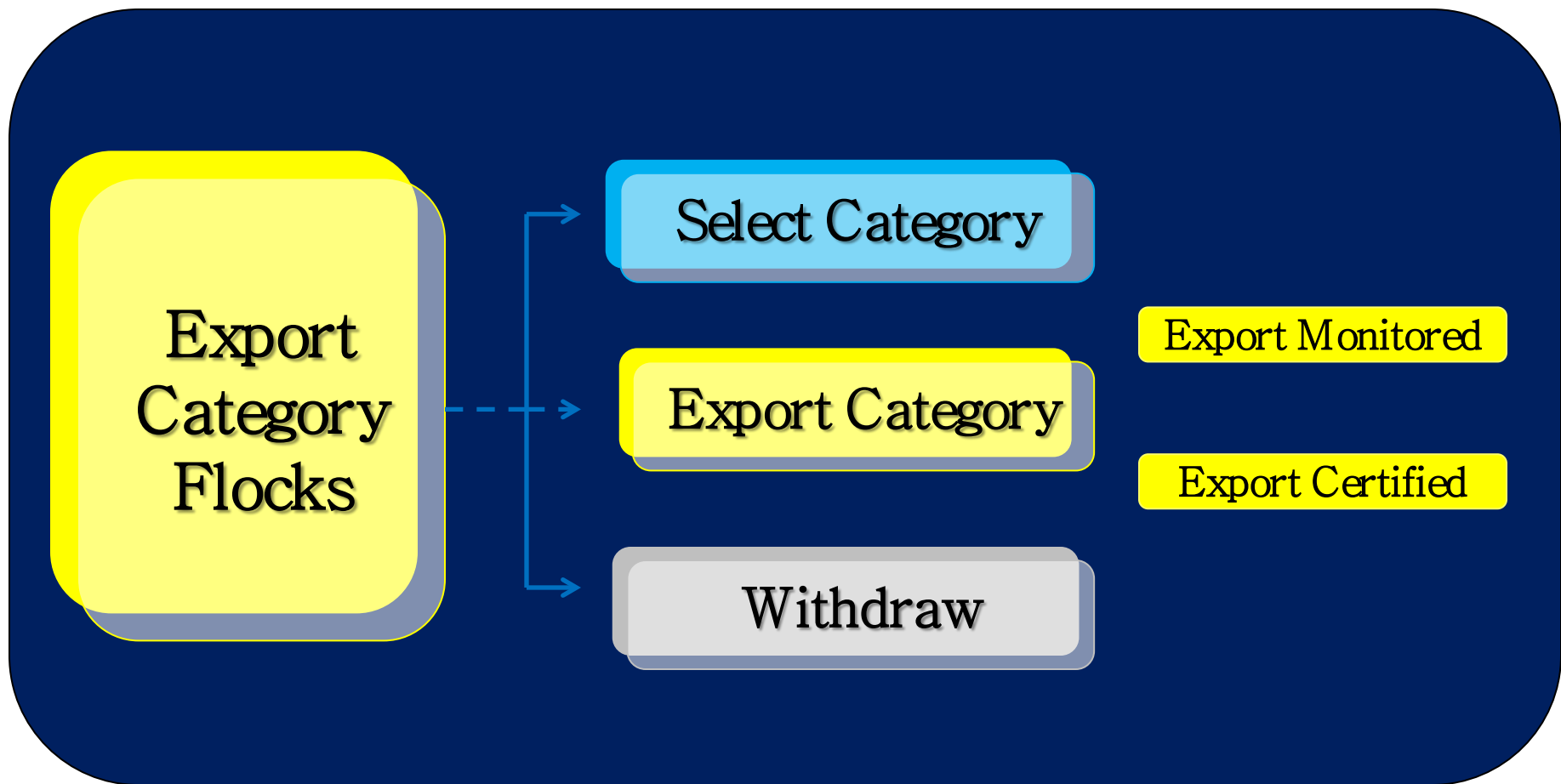
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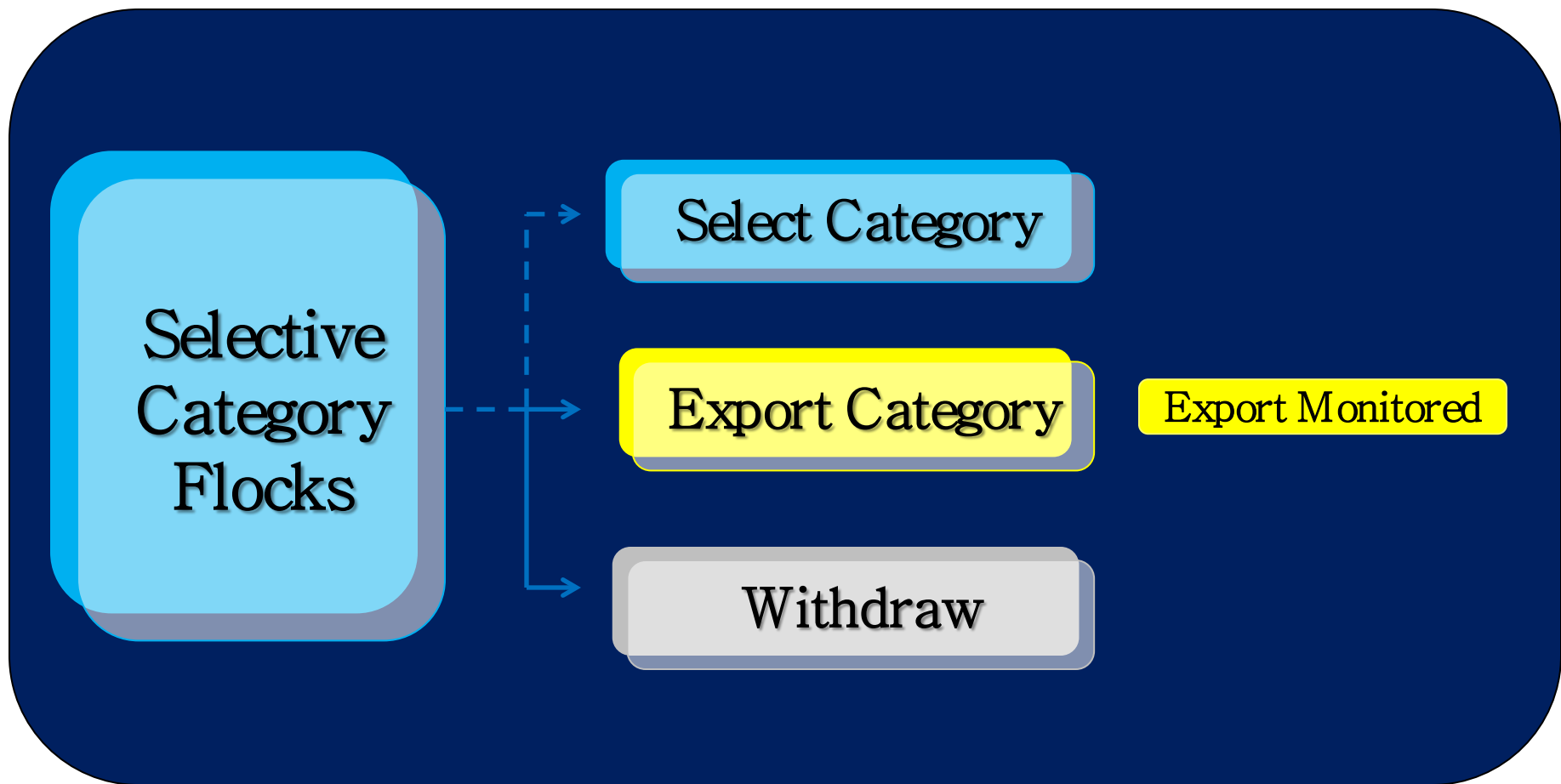
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Regulatory Program vs. Revised SFCP

Regulatory Program	SFCP	
All Sheep & Goat Producers	Select Category Participants	Export Category Participants
<p>Mandatory</p> <p>All sheep and goat producers must comply with the requirements in 9 CFR 54 and 79</p>	<p>Voluntary</p> <p>Participant chooses to comply with the requirements of the Select category in addition to those of the regulatory program</p>	<p>Voluntary</p> <p>Participant chooses to comply with the requirements of the Export category in addition to those of the regulatory program</p>



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Regulatory Program vs. SFCP

Regulatory Program	SFCP	
All Sheep & Goat Producers	Select Category Participants	Export Category Participants
Official ID tags required	Official ID tags <i>or</i> Official SFCP ID tags	Official SFCP ID tags required (i.e., tamper evident)
ID all animals \geq 18 months upon change of ownership and all sexually intact animals < 18 months upon change of ownership unless moving in slaughter channels	ID all animals \geq 18 months upon change of ownership and all sexually intact animals < 18 months upon change of ownership unless moving in slaughter channels	ID all animals in flock \geq 12 months of age ID all animals < 12 months upon change of ownership unless moving in slaughter channels

Regulatory Program vs. SFCP

Regulatory program	SFCP	
All Sheep & Goat Flock Owners	Select Category Participants	Export Category Participants
Records of sales/dispositions and acquisitions	Records of sales/dispositions and acquisitions	Additional record keeping requirements
Records of tags applied	Records of tags applied	
No inspections	No inspections	Annual inspections



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Regulatory Program vs. SFCP

Regulatory program	SFCP	
All Sheep & Goat Flock Owners	Select Category Participants	Export Category Participants
Can purchase sheep and goats from anyone	Can purchase from anyone	Flock status and status date can be affected by additions and commingling
Can use sheep and goat milk and colostrum and milk- and colostrum-derived products from any other flock/herd.	Can use sheep and goat milk and colostrum and milk- and colostrum-derived products from any other flock/herd.	Can only use sheep and goat milk and colostrum and milk- and colostrum-derived products from other SFCP flocks with equal or greater status.



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Regulatory Program vs. SFCP

Regulatory program	SFCP	
All Sheep & Goat Flock Owners	Select Category Participants	Export Category Participants
<p>No sampling required unless part of an investigation or upon assignment as an infected or source flock</p>	<p>Sampling requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All clinical suspects - 1-, 2-, or 3-year sampling minimum 	<p>Sampling requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All clinical suspects - All found deads - Annual sampling minimum - Sampling minimum to reach Export Cert status



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Anticipated Benefits of the Revised Program

- APHIS
 - 60-80% Complete category flocks will either withdraw from the program or join the Select category. The effect:
 - ❖ Approximately 60-80% decrease in annual inspections, refocusing the field force on surveillance activities
 - ❖ 30-40% increase in flock level sample contributions from the revised Select category
- Participants
 - Revised Select category without annual inspections for participants who want to participate with fewer requirements
 - Continued Export category for participants who want to certify their flock/herd scrapie free



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Specifics

SFCP State Scrapie Boards

- Appointed by AVIC, in consultation with State Animal Health Official (SAHO)
- Membership drawn from
 - AVIC (or designee)
 - State animal health officials
 - Producers (generally should be enrolled)
 - Accredited vets (when available)
 - May include other members at AVIC's discretion
- Usually chaired by enrolled producer
 - This is a recommendation, not a requirement
- Meets at least annually – **in person or virtual**
- **Specific duties may be assigned to subcommittees or individuals by the board**



SFCP State Scrapie Boards

- Coordinates activities of the SFCP in their State
 - Review applications for approval for admission into SFCP
 - Review applications for approval for upgrades to Certified or Export Certified status
 - Change flock statuses in accordance with SFCP standards
- Represent and promote the SFCP at shows, fairs, and other appropriate venues
- May enact more stringent requirements to fit their State's scrapie situation

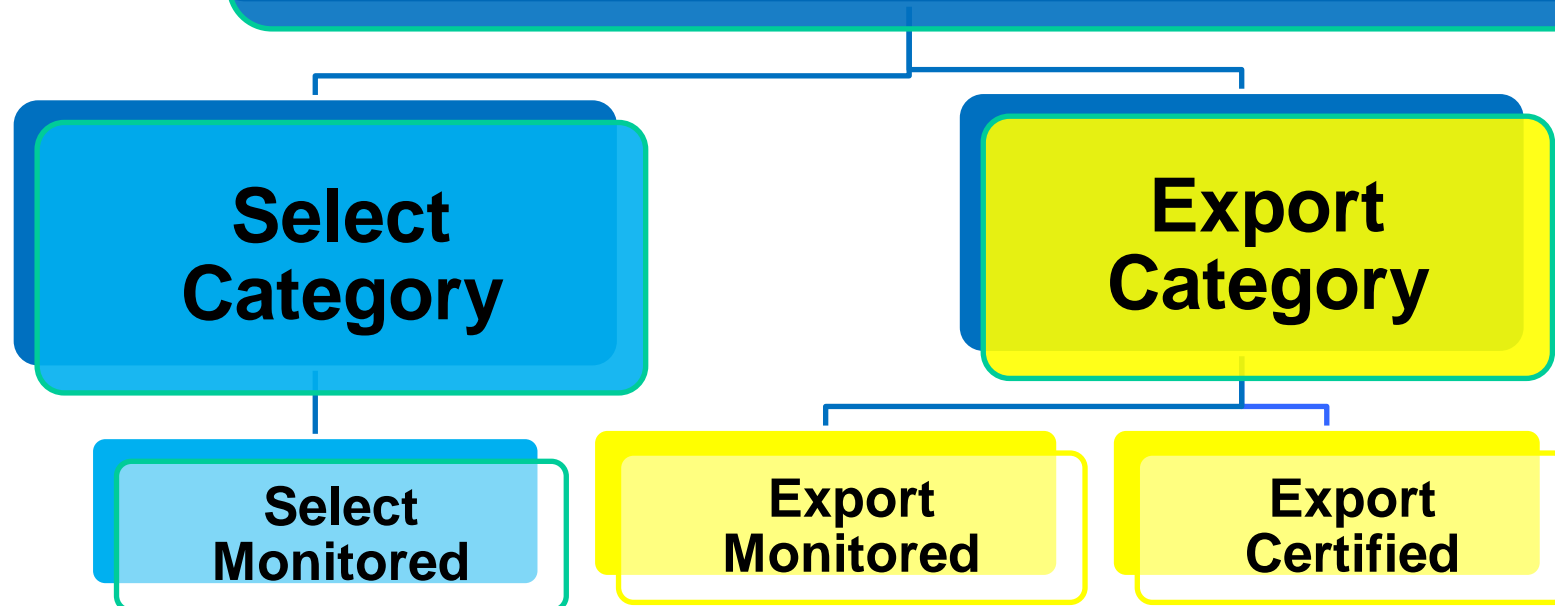
Note: the Board may designate its administrative functions to an individual or subcommittee for greater efficiency in processing applications and changes in status/status date.



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Revised SFCP Structure



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Statuses Within Each Category

- Export Category
 - Export Monitored
 - ❖ An enrolled flock with less than 5 years time in status
 - Export Certified
 - ❖ A Flock with at least 7 years time in status, has met the sampling requirement for Export Certified status, and has applied and been approved for Export Certified status
- Select Category
 - Only 1 status: Select Monitored
 - Does not accrue time in status (i.e., no status date)
 - Not a pathway to certification



Application Process

- Export Category

- Flock owner submits a complete application to VS Area Office
 - ❖ VS Form 5-22 (application)
 - ❖ Animal Inventory
- Initial Inspection
 - ❖ VS Form 5-19A (inspection report)
- Inspector submits a complete application package to the Designated Scrapie Epidemiologist (DSE)

- Select Category

- Flock owner submits VS Form 5-22 to VS Area Office
- Initial Orientation
 - ❖ If requested by applicant, and if Area Office resources allow, can be done in person
 - ❖ Can also be an orientation package sent to the applicant along with notification that the flock is enrolled in the program



Enrollment Date and Status Date

- Enrollment date
 - Export
 - ❖ Date of initial inspection (assigned retroactively after the flock has been approved for enrollment)
 - Select
 - ❖ Date application was received in the Area Office
 - Never changes*

* Unless the flock either withdraws from the program or is removed from the program and later reapplies for enrollment.



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Enrollment Date and Status Date

- Status date
 - Export
 - ❖ Initially same as enrollment date
 - ❖ Changes if/when a flock
 - Acquires or commingles with either an animal from a flock that is not enrolled or an animal that is from a lower status flock or flock with less time in status
 - Does not meet annual sampling minimum within the grace period
 - Does not meet one or more of the other requirements of the Export Category
 - Select – No status date



Program Requirements

Animal ID

- Export
 - Same as in previous program
 - ❖ ID all animals in the flock \geq 12 months of age with SFCP approved ID
 - ❖ ID any animal $<$ 12 months of age prior to change of ownership, unless moving in slaughter channels
 - ❖ ID all acquired animals not already identified with SFCP approved ID prior to commingling with the flock (exception: leased rams)



Program Requirements

Animal ID

- Select
 - Different from previous “Selective” category requirements
 - Follow ID requirements for regulatory program (9 CFR 79.2)
 - ❖ Officially ID all animals \geq 18 months of age with prior to change of ownership (certain exceptions)
 - ❖ Officially ID all sexually intact animals $<$ 18 months of age prior to change of ownership unless moving direct to slaughter to slaughter-only auctions, or to a terminal feedlot
 - ❖ If an acquired animal is not officially identified, properly identify it with an official ID and maintain records linking the new ID to the animal’s flock of origin before commingling with the flock



Program Requirements

Records

- Export
 - Same as in previous program
 - ❖ Outlined in current SFCP standards
- Select
 - Different than previous “Selective” category requirements
 - ❖ Follow recordkeeping requirements for regulatory program



Program Requirements

Inspections

- Export
 - Same as in previous program
 - ❖ Initial inspection for enrollment is required (VS Form 5-19A)
 - ❖ Annual inspection required (VS Form 5-19B)
 - Evaluate flock for signs of scrapie
 - Reconcile inventory with previous year
 - Review records



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Program Requirements

Inspections

- Select
 - Different than previous “Selective” category requirements
 - Initial Orientation
 - ❖ In-person orientation to the program and information about the disease
 - If requested by flock owner, and
 - If APHIS/State resources permit
 - ❖ Mail out orientation package to flock owner
 - No annual inspection
 - ❖ Flock is not observed by a State, Federal or accredited veterinarian for signs of scrapie, no records review, no animal inventory reconciliation



Program Requirements

Sampling

- First, a new definition
 - Test Eligible Animal
 - ❖ An animal that meets a test protocol's age and post-exposure elapsed time requirements (for the test to be meaningfully applied), including the following:
 - Genetically susceptible sheep or goats live animal tested at over 14 months of age or after giving birth in the flock
 - Sheep or goats postmortem tested at over 14 months of age or after giving birth in the flock
 - A sheep or goat postmortem tested at over 12 months of age because it, exhibits or in the case of dead animals exhibited, clinical signs of scrapie
 - A sheep or goat postmortem tested at any age because it tested suspect, inconclusive or positive for scrapie on a live animal test or was determined to be a suspect animal by a State or Federal Veterinarian



Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export
 - Minor changes to the current Export category requirements
 - General
 - ❖ All animals testing suspect, inconclusive or positive on a live-animal test or as assigned by a State, Fed or accredited vet, regardless of age
 - ❖ All animals ≥ 12 months of age demonstrating – or demonstrated if dead - clinical signs associated with scrapie
 - ❖ All animals ≥ 18 months of age that are found dead



Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export
 - Minor changes to the previous Export category requirements

Alternative
Available

Annual Sampling Requirement

- ❖ 1 test eligible animal must be tested for each year of status held
- ❖ 1 additional test eligible animal must be tested for each animal lost to inventory
- ❖ 3 month post-inspection grace period to make up sampling deficiency; if the flock has not submitted at least 1 by that time the status date will be reduced by 12 months.
- ❖ If the flock owner does not sample at least 1 test eligible animals for 2 years in a row, the flock will be removed from the program.



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Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export
 - Sampling Requirement to Reach 6 years time in status
 - ❖ At least 15 test eligible animals must be sampled for a flock to be eligible for 6 years time in status.
 - ❖ Assumes that
 - the flock has also been in continuous compliance with all other Export category requirements for at least 6 years, or
 - The flock had been a Certified flock in the previous program that transferred in as an Export Monitored flock with 5 years time in status, and has now been in continuous compliance with all other Export category requirements for at least 1 year since transferring.
 - The flock had been a Complete Monitored flock in the previous program that had transferred in as an Export Monitored flock with the same status date held on its date of transfer; and it has been in continuous compliance with all other Export category requirements for the difference between its transferred status date and 6 years.



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Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export
 - Sampling Requirement to reach 8 years time in status
 - ❖ Flock has achieved Export Certified status
 - ❖ The flock has been in continuous compliance with all Export category requirements for at least 1 year since achieving Export Certified status.
 - ❖ In other words, and Export category flock will not progress beyond 7 years time in status until it has achieved Export Certified status.



Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export

- Standard Sampling Requirement for Export Certified Status

- ❖ 30 test eligible animals required for this status
- ❖ Annual sample submitted is counted toward this requirement count

- 15 test eligible animals must be sampled to gain 6 years time in status
- *Note: additional Lost to Inventory samples do not count toward the 30*

- ❖ So, an additional 15 test eligible animals must be tested for Export Certified status

Alternative Available



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Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export
 - Sampling Requirement for Export Certified Status
 - ❖ **Alternative 1: Test all Genetically Susceptible Animals Sold**
 - *Live animal test (using an approved live-animal test and with negative results)* all genetically susceptible sheep and all goats that are either over 14 months of age or have given birth in the flock before sale or disposal (including home slaughter) – unless arrangements have been made for them to be tested at slaughter
 - When the flock has reached 7 years time in status, if it has not tested 30 animals and it does not have sufficient numbers of genetically susceptible sheep and goats to test to total 30, it may test all remaining genetically susceptible sheep and goats
 - Annual sampling minimum is waived
 - Requirement for 15 test eligible animals tested to advance to 6 years time in status is waived



Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export

- Sampling Requirement for Export Certified Status

- ❖ **Alternative 2: Test Foundation Flock**

- Postmortem test all female animals that were present when the foundation flock was formed unless they died or were disposed of at less than 12 months of age and never lambbed or aborted.
- Postmortem test all acquired female animals that have or may have lambbed on the premises, other than female animals acquired from scrapie-free countries or Export Certified flocks.
- To advance to 6 years time in status, either test all genetically susceptible sheep and all goats or test at least 50% of the foundation flock.
- Animals that have been living in the flock for at least 7 years and are not showing any clinical signs of scrapie are exempt from postmortem testing.
- When the flock has reached 7 years time in status, if it has not tested 30 animals and it does not have sufficient numbers of genetically susceptible sheep and goats to test to total 30, it may test all remaining genetically susceptible sheep and goats, including the animals over 7 years of age.



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Program Requirements

Sampling

- Export
 - Sampling Requirement for Export Certified Status
 - ❖ **Note: For Alternative 1 & 2:**
 - If a flock following either Alternative 1 or 2 has an animal “Lost to Inventory”, it must switch over to the standard sampling protocol.



Program Requirements

Sampling

- Select
 - Different than previous “Selective” category requirements
 - General Sampling Requirements
 - ❖ All animals of any age testing suspect, inconclusive or positive on a live-animal test or as assigned by a State, Federal or accredited vet
 - ❖ All animals \geq 12 months of age demonstrating – or demonstrated if dead - clinical signs associated with scrapie



Program Requirements

Sampling

- Select
 - Different than previous “Selective” category requirements
 - Annual Sampling Requirement
 - ❖ 1 test eligible animal
 - Annually for flocks with > 100 animals
 - Every 2 years for flocks with 26-100 animals
 - Every 3 years for flocks with ≤ 25 animals
 - ❖ Monitoring
 - VS will monitor with existing IT systems



Suspending Flocks

- Export
 - Same as previous requirements
 - ❖ Disease investigations
 - ❖ Not meeting sampling requirement
 - ❖ Other compliance irregularity investigations
- Select
 - Different than previous “Selective” requirements
 - ❖ Disease investigations
 - ❖ Not meeting sampling requirement
 - ❖ Other compliance irregularity investigation



Removal from the Program

- Export
 - Same as previous Export category requirements
 - ❖ Designated an infected/source flock
 - ❖ Designated an exposed flock and retains high-risk animal (or failed to have it tested upon death/culling)
 - ❖ Repeated compliance issue (for which it was downgraded/received a warning letter within previous 5 years)
 - ❖ Multiple compliance issues discovered
 - ❖ Does not submit required samples for scrapie suspects, including animals testing positive, suspect or inconclusive on a live-animal test
 - ❖ Does not submit found dead animals for testing (3rd offense in 5 years)



Removal from the Program

- Select
 - Different than previous “Selective” category requirements
 - ❖ Determined to be an infected/source flock
 - ❖ Determined to be a noncompliant flock
 - ❖ Repeated compliance issue (for which it was downgraded/received a warning letter within previous 5 years)
 - ❖ Multiple compliance issues discovered



Withdrawal from the Program

- Export & Select
 - Unchanged
 - ❖ Flock owner notifies the Area Office
 - Preferably in writing, but if done over the phone VS will send a confirmation letter to the participant acknowledging that they have withdrawn (and copy the State Scrapie Certification Board)
 - ❖ Flock removed from the APHIS website



Exclusively Export

Advancement to Export Certified Status

- Current/Newly Enrolled Export Monitored Flocks
 - Achieve 7 years time in status
 - Meet the Standard, Alternative 1 or Alternative 2 sampling requirement
 - Apply and be approved for Export Certified status
- Export Certified Flocks in Current Program
 - Automatically grandfathered in as Export Certified flocks in new program (no flock owner action required)



Exclusively Export *Animal Acquisitions*

- Same as previous Export category requirements
 - Any acquisition that would result in a downgrade must be reported within 30 days



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Exclusively Export *Animal Acquisitions*

- Same as previous Export category requirements
 - Male animal (and neutered animal) acquisitions
 - ❖ Can be acquired from any flock as long as it is
 - Not demonstrating clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of acquisition, and
 - Officially identified to the flock of birth with approved SFCP ID
 - ❖ Can maintain the same status date as the flock or a separate status date, depending on the flock owner's management strategy.



Exclusively Export *Animal Acquisitions*

- Same as previous Export category requirements
 - Female animals can only be acquired from flocks with equal or greater time in status without a loss in status/status date
 - All female animals in a flock must have the same status date (unlike male and neutered animals)



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Exclusively Export *Commingling*

- Same as previous Export category requirements
 - Female animal
 - ❖ Flock's status/status date will change if its female animals are commingled with female animals of a lower status/status date
 - ❖ Limited contacts are an exception
 - Male animal will be treated as a newly acquired animal if it returns to the flock after
 - ❖ Commingling with lower status female(s)
 - ❖ Maintained on the premises of a lower status flock



Exclusively Export

Use of Semen & Embryos

- Same as previous Export category requirements
 - Semen
 - ❖ Flock may use semen from any male as long as it is not a scrapie-positive, scrapie suspect, genetically susceptible exposed, or high-risk animal



Exclusively Export

Use of Semen & Embryos

- Same as previous Export category requirements
 - Embryos
 - ❖ Sire must meet requirements for an enrolled male in the program
 - ❖ Embryo's status
 - At time of implantation, it is the highest status achieved by the donor at or following collection (some exceptions apply)
 - Will be converted to the status/status date of recipient of the status date, unless the embryo's status/status date is more recent
 - ❖ Recipient flock's status
 - Converts to the embryo's status on date of implantation into recipient, if embryo's status/status date is more recent
 - Changes to donor flock's status will not affect embryo's status/status date unless the donor flock is subsequently found to be a scrapie-positive animal or a high-risk animal that did not test negative postmortem



Exclusively Export *Imported Animals*

- Same as previous Export requirements
 - Animal will not affect receiving flock's status/status date as long as it
 - ❖ Has been legally imported
 - ❖ Moved directly from port of entry/post entry quarantine to flock
 - ❖ Has never commingled with female animals with lower status/status date or maintained on a premises with a lower status/status date
 - ❖ Originates from a flock meeting one of these conditions
 - From a country recognized by APHIS as being scrapie free
 - From a flock that has reached equivalent status/status date in a comparable scrapie flock certification program



Exclusively Export

Use of Sheep & Goat Milk, Colostrum, Milk-Derived Products and Colostrum-Derived Products

- New Export category requirement

Export category flocks can only use sheep and goat milk and colostrum and milk- and colostrum-derived products from other SFCP flocks with equal or greater status.



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Exclusively Export

New “Scenarios” Discussed in Standards for Export Category Flocks

- Relocation of an established flock
- Addition of a new premises to an established flock
- Establishing a new flock entirely from animals enrolled in the SFCP



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SFCP Standards

Navigation Added in 2013 Standards

- Electronic version will be a more interactive .pdf file that can be read by Adobe reader
 - Table of Contents
 - Definitions
 - Acronyms
 - Internal links to referenced sections
- Members of the public can obtain a paper copy of the standards by contacting their VS Area Office (866-873-2824, or 866-USDA TAG)



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Implementation Reminder!

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