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CHAPTER 8.15.

**VESICULAR STOMATITIS**

Article 8.15.1.

**General provisions**

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, the *incubation period* for vesicular stomatitis (VS) shall be 21 days.

Standards for diagnostic tests are described in the *Terrestrial Manual*.

When authorizing the import or transit of the following *commodities* and any products made from these *commodities*, *Veterinary Authorities* should not require any VS related conditions, regardless of the VS status of the *exporting country*:

a) *milk and milk products*;

b) *hides and skins*;

c) *meat and meat products*;

d) *tallow*;

e) *gelatin and collagen*.

Article 8.15.2.

**VS free country**

A country may be considered free from VS when:

1. VS is notifiable in the country;
2. no clinical, epidemiological or other evidence of VS has been found during the past 2 years.

Article 8.15.3.

**Trade in commodities**

*Veterinary Authorities* of countries shall consider whether there is a risk with regard to VS in accepting importation or transit through their territory, from other countries, of ruminants, swine, Equidae, and their semen and embryos.

Article 8.15.4.

**Recommendations for importation from VS free countries**

for domestic cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and horses

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals:

1. showed no clinical sign of VS on the day of shipment;
2. were kept in a VS free country since birth or for at least the past 21 days.

Article 8.15.5.

### **Recommendations for importation from VS free countries**

for wild bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine and equine animals and deer

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals:

1. showed no clinical sign of VS on the day of shipment;
2. come from a VS free country;

if the country of origin has a common border with a country considered infected with VS:

3. were kept in a *quarantine station* for the 30 days prior to shipment and were subjected to a diagnostic test for VS with negative results at least 21 days after the commencement of quarantine;
4. were protected from insect vectors during quarantine and transportation to the *place of shipment*.

Article 8.15.6.

### **Recommendations for importation from countries considered infected with VS**

for domestic cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and horses

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals:

1. showed no clinical sign of VS on the day of shipment;

2. ~~either:~~

~~a)~~ were kept, since birth or for the past 21 days, in an *establishment* where no *case* of VS was officially reported during that period; ~~or~~

~~3.b)~~ were kept in a *quarantine station* for the 30 days prior to shipment and were subjected to a diagnostic test for VS with negative results at least 21 days after the commencement of quarantine;

- ~~4.~~ were protected from insect vectors during quarantine and transportation to the *place of shipment*.

## Article 8.15.7.

**Recommendations for importation from countries considered infected with VS**

for wild bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine and equine animals and deer

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the animals:

1. showed no clinical sign of VS on the day of shipment;
2. were kept in a *quarantine station* for the 30 days prior to shipment and were subjected to a diagnostic test for VS with negative results at least 21 days after the commencement of quarantine;
3. were protected from insect vectors during quarantine and transportation to the *place of shipment*.

## Article 8.15.8.

**Recommendations for importation from VS free countries or zones**

for *in vivo* derived embryos of ruminants, swine and horses

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the donor females were kept in an *establishment* located in a VS free country or zone at the time of collection;
2. the embryos were collected, processed and stored in conformity with the provisions of Chapters 4.7. and 4.9., as relevant.

## Article 8.15.9.

**Recommendations for importation from countries or zones considered infected with VS**

for *in vivo* derived embryos of ruminants, swine and horses

*Veterinary Authorities* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the donor females:
  - a) were kept for the 21 days prior to, and during, collection in an *establishment* where no *case* of VS was reported during that period;
  - b) were subjected to a diagnostic test for VS, with negative results, within the 21 days prior to embryo collection;
2. the embryos were collected, processed and stored in conformity with the provisions of Chapters 4.7. and 4.9., as relevant.