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**CONDITIONS OF A PERMIT CONTROLLING THE IMPORTATION OF
CATTLE INTO BARBADOS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, Cap. 253

PART I: PERMISSION TO IMPORT

A valid Import Permit issued by the Senior Veterinary Officer must accompany all animals entering Barbados. Application forms may be obtained from The Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, The Pine, St Michael, Barbados.

The animals must be imported directly from the exporting country.

At least forty-eight (48) hours notice of arrival of the animals must be given to the Veterinary Services Barbados.

On arrival in Barbados, each animal shall be examined by a Veterinary Officer, who shall place the animals in quarantine for such period, as he shall determine. Under the law, all expenses pertaining to quarantine shall be borne by the owner or his agent.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the importer and the Barbados Veterinary Services must be signed at the time the import permit is issued.

PART II: VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE

The bovine animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate, issued by an accredited veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian.

The certificate must contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and complete permanent identification (ear tag, tattoo, iron brand, and/or microchip) including number, breed, age, and sex of each animal to be exported.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of Akabane, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Foot and Mouth Disease, Rinderpest, Rift Valley Fever, Lumpy Skin Disease, and Theileriosis.
2. The area from which the animals are derived is not under quarantine due to the presence of *Boophilus spp.* ticks.

3. Regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) the following three statements are made:
 - a) The United States of America is recognized as country with a negligible BSE risk and complies with the conditions referred to in Article 11.5.4. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) 2012.
 - b) Cattle selected for export are identified by a permanent identification system in such a way as to demonstrate that they are not exposed cattle as described in point 3b) of Article 11.5.4.;
 - c) Cattle selected for export were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants was effectively enforced.
4. The animals were born, raised, and have remained in the United States. In the farm of origin and surrounding farms no quarantine due to or clinical cases of infectious or contagious diseases of bovidae has been diagnosed including anthrax, bluetongue, leptospirosis, rabies, and vesicular stomatitis within 120 days prior to export.
5. The farms of origin are located in state(s) that is (are) recognized as free of brucellosis and tuberculosis.
6. The animals originate from herds free of cases or outbreaks of the following diseases during the past 24 months: bovine leucosis, bovine infectious rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis, bovine viral diarrhea, campylobacteriosis, haemorrhagic septicaemia and trichomoniasis.
7. The animals were isolated from other animals under the supervision of a USDA-accredited veterinarian, and they remained so for not less than 30 days prior to the date of export.
8. Preventive treatments:
All animals 7 days prior to shipment were treated on _____, with _____, an approved broad-spectrum product against endoparasites and with _____, an approved product against ectoparasites. As treatment against leptospirosis, all the animals were treated within 7 days prior to export with long-acting oxytetracycline at a dose of 20 mg/kg of live weight (Include product names, manufacturers, expiration dates.)
9. The animals did not receive any other therapeutic or immunogenic treatment within 14 days prior to export.
10. The bovine animals were vaccinated for leptospirosis containing 5 serovars *L. canicola*, *grippotyphosa*, *haemorrhagiae*, *hardjo*, and *icterohaemorrhagiae*, black leg, shipping fever, malignant edema, bovine viral diarrhea, and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis.
11. The animals have been inspected by an accredited veterinarian and have been found to be free of fresh or healing wounds, and clinical signs of screwworm.
12. The animals originate from a zone which is not under control for screwworm, and have not transited a zone under control for screwworm within the last 60 days.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

All bovine animals must be tested with negative results as prescribed below within 30 days of shipment.

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis: Card test, complement fixation test, or any other officially recognized test,
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4. Paratuberculosis (Johne's disease): Delayed γ -type hypersensitivity test (DTH) or ELISA.
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8. Bluetongue: ELISA, AGID, Virus Neutralization or PCR

EMBARKATION STATEMENTS

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

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number, sex, breed and categories of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement certifying that “the animals for export have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be clinically healthy, free from evidence of communicable disease, nor did they have 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 Barbados, the importer must obtain an import permit from Barbados Ministry of Agriculture, Veterinary Services not less than 30 days prior to the date of embarkation.
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3. No animal, semen, fertilized ova, products, or equipments other than those listed on the import permit may be included in the shipment.
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5. It is strongly recommended that the cattle be injected with Imizol[®] at the manufacturer’s recommended dosage on the day of arrival as prevention against bovine babesiosis.

Senior Veterinary Officer

Date

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Cattle from the United States of America to Barbados



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

1. Consignor:	2. Consignee:
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3. Country Of Origin: USA	4. State Of Origin:
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5. Country Of Destination: Barbados	6. Zone Of Destination: *****
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7. Place Of Origin:	8. Port Of Embarkation:
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9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:	10. Means Of Transport:
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11. *****	12. CITES Permit Number: *****
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13. Description Of Commodity: Cattle	14. *****
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15. Total Quantity:	16. Additional Information: *****
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17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers: *****
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18. Identification / Seal Numbers: ***** *

19. Commodities Intended Use:	20. Type Of Admission: Permanent import
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21. Identification Of Commodities:

	Breed	Age	Sex	Identification (ear tag, tattoo, iron brand and/or microchip)
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