

REQUIREMENTS TO EXPORT SHEEP FOR BREEDING FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BELIZE

1. Validity is void if these notes and import conditions attached are not met.
2. Authorized ports of entry:
 - Santa Elena Northern Border, Corozal Dist.
 - Phillip Goldson International Airport, Belize Dist.
 - Port of Belize Limited, Belize Dist.
 - Big Creek Port, Stann Creek Dist.
3. The Director of Animal Health is to be notified two (2) days in advance of date and time of arrival of sheep at point of entry. Veterinary inspection at point of entry will be done during daylight hours (9 am - 4pm). For your information, the telephone numbers of official veterinarians are:
 - Dr. Miguel DePaz – Central Farm: 824 - 4899/4872 (Director of Animal Health)
 - Dr. Eduardo Tesecum – Central Farm: 824 - 4899/4872 (Deputy Director of AH)
 - Dr. Jorge Lopez- Central Farm: 824 - 4899/4872 (Veterinary Officer, Western Zone)
 - Dr. Joe Myers - Orange Walk: 302 - 1388 (Veterinary Officer, Northern Zone)
4. **Prior to the issue of an import permit** for the importation of sheep the Veterinary Officer in the district where sheep will be quarantined must certify that the quarantine station meets minimal standards and has spoken to importer re quarantine arrangements and costs.
5. The sheep will be vetted at the point of entry by a Veterinary Officer. Sheep not permitted entry will be returned to origin at the expense of the importer.
6. Any cost incurred in the processing of sheep for entry into Belize will be borne by the importer.
7. Sheep allowed entry into Belize will be subjected to a period of quarantine not less than thirty (30) days. The sheep may be retested during quarantine for sheep and goat brucellosis among other diseases listed in the conditions of importation and must be negative to any test done under quarantine before released from quarantine. These costs are to be borne by the importer.
8. The vehicles used to transport the sheep from the port of entry into Belize to the quarantine station must be cleaned and disinfected prior to use for transporting sheep.

9. No fodder or bedding accompanying the sheep will be allowed entry. Any livestock gear accompanying the sheep will be disinfected at the importer's expense.

SHEEP FOR BREEDING

CONDITIONS

1. The sheep are to be accompanied by an official international veterinary certificate issued by the Animal Health Authority or an accredited veterinarian and endorsed by an official veterinarian of the exporting country, and attesting

THAT:

- A.** The sheep are individually and permanently identified.
- B.** Within seven (7) days prior to the day of shipment, the sheep were found to be in good health, free of signs of infectious and contagious diseases, free of ticks and tumours and have no fresh wound or wounds in the process of healing
- C.** The farm(s) of origin and neighbouring farms to a radius of 16 km have not been under quarantine in the sixty days prior to shipment for any infectious or contagious disease affecting sheep and goats.
- D.** Prior to shipment the sheep were tested for the following diseases giving negative results:

Caprine and Ovine Brucellosis:

- i. No case has been reported during the year prior to shipment;
- ii. The animals were isolated for 30 days prior to shipment and all animals in isolation were tested for infection with *Brucella* within that period with negative results.

Ovine Epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*):

- i. the animals come from a sheep flock free from ovine epididymitis;
- ii. for sheep over six months of age, the animals were isolated in the establishment of origin for the 30 days prior to shipment and were subjected to the diagnostic tests for *Brucella ovis* (*B. ovis*) with negative results; or
- iii. for sheep from a flock other than that stated in point i above, the animals were isolated prior to shipment and were subjected to the diagnostic tests for *B. ovis* with negative results on two occasions, with an interval of 30 to 60 days between each test, the second test being performed during the 15 days prior to shipment. Test technique in accordance with the current OIE Terrestrial Manual.

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Maedi/Visna

- i. animals over one year of age were subjected to a diagnostic test for maedi-visna with negative results during the 30 days prior to shipment;
- ii. maedi-visna was not clinically diagnosed in the sheep and goats present in the flocks of origin during the past three years, and also that no sheep or goat from a flock of inferior health status was introduced into these flocks during that period.

Enzootic Abortion of Ewes (EAE):

- i. have remained since birth, or for the previous two years, in establishments where no EAE has been diagnosed during the past two years;
- ii. that the animals will be inspected and certified they show no clinical signs of EAE within 48 hours of shipment*
- iii. were subjected to a diagnostic test for EAE with negative results within the 30 days prior to shipment.

E. In regard to Scrapie, the animals:

- i. Come from a state where interstate Scrapie movement conditions apply; AND
- ii. Come from an establishment where Scrapie has not been suspected or diagnosed within the past 7 years in any of its flocks (for flocks not in existence for 7 years, the establishments from where the breeding animals originated may be taken into consideration for complying with the 7 years).

F. The sheep come from flocks and establishments where:

- no **Enzootic Abortion** of Ewes has been diagnosed during the past 2 years.
- no **Contagious Agalactia** was reported during the 6 months prior to shipment.

G. The sheep received in the 15 days prior to shipment treatment for internal and external parasites using products authorized in the country of origin.

H. The vehicles used to transport the sheep from the quarantine station to the point of exit from the exporting country were cleaned and disinfected prior to shipment using products authorized in the country of origin.

* This inspection will occur at the port of embarkation within 48 hours of shipment.