

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FOR SHEEP AND GOATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals 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 (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and sheep and goat pox.
2. The animals are in good health, physically sound, and free from symptoms of infectious disease.
3. The animals were born after the date of enforcement of a ban on feeding of ruminant proteins to ruminants (August 1997) and originated from farms reporting no clinical evidence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
4. I have verified that the animals are identified with permanent identification which allows them to be traced back to their dam and herd/flock of origin.
5. The animals for export showed no clinical signs of scrapie on the date of inspection. The animals for export have been enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program for at least 12 months prior to the date of export. The herd/flock has not, during the 5 years prior to export, been designated a scrapie-infected or source flock and is not currently designated a scrapie-exposed flock.
6. The animals showed no clinical signs of contagious agalactia on the day of shipment and originated from farms where no cases of the disease have been officially reported during the last six months.
7. [Goats only] The animals originate from herds where no cases of caprine-arthritis encephalitis (CAE) have been recorded for two years and showed no signs of CAE on the day of shipment. (Also, see Testing Requirement No. 5).
8. The animals originated from herds in areas in which there have been on clinical reports of bluetongue during the previous two years. Also see Testing Requirement No. 4.

9. The animals were treated with _____, an approved ectoparasiticide, on _____ which is within 48 hours of export. The date and product used must be noted on the health certificate.
10. The animals were negative to a fecal sedimentation test for fascioliasis within 28 days prior to shipment. The animals were treated for internal parasites (including flukes) within 21 days prior to shipment. Product used _____ on [date] _____.
11. In lieu of testing for leptospirosis, the animals were treated prophylactically with _____, an approved antibiotic, on [date] _____ which is within one week of embarkation.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animal/s was/were tested within 30 days of embarkation to the Cayman Islands with negative results for the following diseases:

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal tuberculin test.
2. Brucellosis: Standard plate test at 1:50 dilution or other approved serological test. [For goats, test for *Brucella abortus* and *Br. melitensis*. For sheep, test for *Brucella ovis*.]
3. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *Leptospira pomona*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, and *L. canicola*. [OR provide Certification Statement No. 11 with regard to prophylactic treatment.]
4. Bluetongue: Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test or ELISA. A positive result will not necessarily disqualify the animal for the purposes of export; however a waiver must be requested from the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer of the Cayman Islands and must be presented by the exporter at the time of endorsement of the health certificate. Either the exporter or the importer may request such a waiver.
5. CAE (goats only): AGID test or other approved test on all exported goats.

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. 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, species, and identification of the 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 from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The animals must be accompanied by an import permit issued by the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 459, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Telephone: 345-947 3090, Fax: 345-947-2634 or 947-6501.
2. Animals must be imported into the Cayman Islands directly from the United States. On arrival at the Georgetown Seaport or Owen Roberts Airport, which shall be the sole ports of entry, the animals shall be examined by an inspector, who, at his discretion, may order detention in quarantine or refuse permission for the animal to be landed.
3. The health certificate must be issued within 30 days of arrival.
4. Dihydrostreptomycin is not available in the United States. With regard to prophylactic treatment against leptospirosis, the Government of the Cayman Islands allows the use of approved antibiotics, which include oxytetracycline (at least two doses) and long-acting oxytetracycline (single dose).
5. Any shipment containing animals infested with ticks, particularly of the *Amblyomma* species will be denied entry into the Cayman Islands.