

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF HAITI FOR BREEDING 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 consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information must include the following:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The country of origin is free of foot-and-mouth disease, sheep pox and goat pox, and peste des petits ruminants.
2. The animals are in good health and originate from herds free of brucellosis and tuberculosis as evidenced by State Free status or an official herd test conducted within the preceding 6 months.
3. The farm of origin of each animal has been free of any report of the following diseases for a period of 6 months preceding this shipment: bovine viral diarrhea, bluetongue, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), infectious rhinotracheitis, leptospirosis, and vesicular stomatitis.
4. The farm of origin of each animal is a participant of the National Scrapie Eradication Program. The animals are not scrapie-positive nor have they been exposed to scrapie, nor have they ever been in an infected flock, source flock, or trace flock nor are they the progeny, parent, or sibling of any scrapie-positive animal.
5. The animals were held in isolation under the supervision of the certifying accredited veterinarian for at least 15 days in the country of origin prior to shipment.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

During isolation and within 30 days of embarkation, the animals were tested with negative results for the following diseases.

1. Tuberculosis. Intradermal test with bovine PPD
2. Brucellosis (*Br. melitensis*): Card test, complement fixation test, or other officially recognized test, at a VS certified laboratory.

3. Caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis: Agar gel immunodiffusion test or ELISA.
4. Leptospirosis. Either treatment (See VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENTS) or test as follows: Microagglutination test at 1:400 for *L. pomona*, *L. hardjo*, *L. wolfi*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, and *L. grippityphosa*.

VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENTS

During isolation, the animals were treated/vaccinated for the following diseases:

1. Endo- and ectoparasites: Treatment with officially approved products within 7 days of embarkation. (Provide certification, indicating the name of product(s), dosage(s), and dates given).
2. Leptospirosis: Either test (See TEST REQUIREMENTS) or treatment certification as follows: The goats were treated with long-acting oxytetracycline at a dose of 20 mg/kg within 7 days prior to embarkation. (Indicate the name of product(s), dosage(s), and date(s) given).

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a Veterinary Services 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 and species of 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 tumor-like conditions, fresh wounds or wounds in the process of healing or evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours prior to exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. A prior permit must be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture of Haiti. Official contact information is as follows:

Direction, Animal and Plant Quarantine (MARNDR)
Claircine 20, Rue Shabisco Phone – 509-512-3907

We have been advised that the required permit will be issued upon presentation of a letter on the organization's letterhead requesting this permit. The letter must include information pertaining to the number of animals, species, breed, sex and age, and should also have the address of the farm of origin, the purpose of importation and the destination within Haiti. The letter should be accompanied by a facsimile of the completed health certificate demonstrating negative results of required tests included in this protocol. In order to receive the import permit, the letter and health certificate may be forwarded to the attention of: Dr. Joseph Jolivert Toussaint, Director, Quarantine, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development (MARNDR), Port au Prince, Haiti. These documents may be sent via fax in care of Dr. Keith Flanagan, IICA, Fax 011-509-256-6882.

2. The Government of Haiti has advised of a requirement that the imported animals will be subject to an obligatory quarantine for 21 days at the importer's expense.
3. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance although this can be extended to 45 days as long as the animals have remained healthy and in isolation from other animals and the accredited veterinarian can so certify.
4. No animals, products, or equipment other than those listed on the import permit may be included in the shipment.