

## **VETERINARY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BREEDING CATTLE FROM THE UNITED STATES INTO THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ**

The cattle must be accompanied by 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 must contain the names and addresses of the consignor/exporter, consignee/importer, premises where the animals were raised, and complete identification of the animals. The certificate must also contain the following certification statements and the dates and results of the indicated testing.

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS:**

1. The United States is free of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
2. The United States is recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as a country with controlled bovine spongiform encephalitis (BSE) risk.
3. The herd of origin has been free of brucellosis and tuberculosis for the 12 months prior to export.
4. The animals were isolated for at least 21 days immediately prior to their movement for export.
5. The animals were inspected within 21 days prior to export and found to be free from clinical evidence of communicable diseases.

### **TEST REQUIREMENTS:**

The cattle must be tested as prescribed below, with negative results.

1. Tuberculosis:       Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin.
2. Brucellosis:       Complement fixation test at a 1:10 dilution **OR** buffered *Brucella* antigen test (e.g., card test) **OR** ELISA or standard tube **OR** plate agglutination test at a 1:50 dilution.

3. Enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL): Two ELISA tests **OR** agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) tests\*

\*EBL tests must be performed at least 30 days apart with the second test conducted during the pre-export isolation period.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Within the 21 days of quarantine prior to export, the animals were inspected and treated for internal and external parasites on with a USDA approved product, listed on the health certificate.

Within 30 days prior to export, the animals were vaccinated on the farm or during quarantine for the following diseases: infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), para-influenza, clostridial diseases, and leptospirosis.

#### **EXPORT CERTIFICATION:**

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

- a. The name and address of the consignor.
- b. The name and address of the consignee.
- c. The address of the farm of origin.
- d. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
- e. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

Health Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary  
Seal appears over the Certificate No.)

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF  
BREEDING CATTLE FROM THE UNITED STATES INTO THE  
REPUBLIC OF IRAQ**

**I. MINISTRY:** United States Department of Agriculture

**II. AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

**III. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNOR:**

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**IV. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:**

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**V. ADDRESS OF THE FARM OF ORIGIN OF THE ANIMALS:**

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**VI. TOTAL NUMBER OF CATTLE IN SHIPMENT:**

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No	Sex	Breed	Age	Eartag	Other identification (if any)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

The additional inventory page is made, if more than 5 animals are shipped, it is signed by the USDA accredited veterinarian and constitutes an integral part of this certificate

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**VIII. TEST REQUIREMENTS:**

The cattle must be tested with negative results as prescribed below.

\*\* Mark through any statement or testing option not applicable. \*\*

1. Tuberculosis:                      Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin.  
Test date(s) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Brucellosis:                      Complement fixation test at a 1:10 dilution **OR** buffered  
*Brucella* antigen test (e.g., card test) **OR** ELISA or  
standard tube **OR** plate agglutination test at a 1:50  
dilution.  
Test date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL) :              Two ELISA tests **OR** Agar-gel  
immunodiffusion (AGID) tests\*

\* EBL tests must be performed at least 30 days apart with the second test conducted during the pre-export isolation period.

Test dates \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**IX. OTHER INFORMATION:**

Within the 21 days of quarantine prior to export, the animals were inspected and treated for internal and external parasites on \_\_\_\_\_(date) with \_\_\_\_\_(name of the product).

Within 30 days prior to export, the animals were vaccinated on the farm or during quarantine for the following diseases:

Disease	Vaccination date
IBR	_____
BVD	_____
Para-influenza	_____
Clostridial diseases	_____
Leptospirosis	_____

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Name of Issuing Authorized Veterinarian

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Name of Endorsing Federal Veterinarian

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Signature of Issuing Authorized Veterinarian

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Signature of Endorsing Federal Veterinarian

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Date

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Date