

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE
FOR EXPORT OF SHEEP AND GOAT SEMEN
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

I. IDENTIFICATION

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

COMPETENT AUTHORITY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNOR:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:

IDENTIFICATION

No.	Breed	Name/Number of Ram/Buck	Dates of semen collection (month-day-year)	Number of canes in the liquid nitrogen tank	Number of series and doses per cane
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

If more than 5 lines are needed, a separate table is made, signed by the USDA accredited veterinarian and becomes a part of this certificate.

II. ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATIONS:

I, the undersigned USDA accredited veterinarian, certify to the following:

A. The Country

1. The United States is free of contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, louping ill, peste des petits ruminants, rift valley fever, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox and Wesselborn disease.

B. The Semen Collection Center (SCC)

1. The semen donors have originated from premises that have been free of reports of border disease, bluetongue disease, campylobacteriosis, enzootic abortion of ewes (chlamydiosis), listeriosis, contagious agalactia, caseous lymphadenitis, ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma, neosporosis, paratuberculosis, Q-fever and toxoplasmosis for the last 6 months.
2. No case of scrapie has occurred in the SCC for the last 10 years.
3. The bucks/rams are not known to be the progeny of sire or dam diagnosed with Scrapie for the last 10 years.

C. CLINICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. The donor animals were free of clinical signs of the diseases, listed below, for the 30 days prior to the first collection of semen for export.
2. The donor animals were tested for the following diseases, with negative results, between 30 and 90 days before the first collection of semen for export, at a laboratory acceptable to USDA APHIS using testing methods recognized by OIE.
 - a. caprine arthritis/encephalitis (for goats) or maedi-visna (for sheep)
 - b. ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis* for sheep) and brucellosis (*B. melitensis* and *B. abortus* for goats)
 - c. paratuberculosis
 - d. tuberculosis

D. SEMEN

1. The semen center is under the supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian.
2. The semen was collected, processed and stored in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
3. To the best of my knowledge, no pathogenic microorganisms are present in the semen.
4. The semen is packed hygienically and maintained under cryogenic conditions (i.e., tanks filled with liquid nitrogen) in containers which either are new or are cleaned and disinfected.
5. Semen donors are not vaccinated against brucellosis nor are naturally bred while in the collection center or for the 6 months prior to semen collection.

III. ENDORSEMENT (provided printed name and date of issue or endorsement)

Name of Issuing USDA accredited veterinarian

Name of Endorsing Federal Veterinary Medical Officer

Signature of Issuing USDA accredited veterinarian

Signature of Endorsing Federal Veterinary Medical Officer

Date

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