

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAMAICA FOR GOATS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The animals must be accompanied by an Import Permit issued by the Director of Veterinary Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, along with an U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must carry the name and address of the consignor and consignee and complete identification of all the animals for export. The certificate must include the following certification statements, as well as fulfillment of the indicated tests and vaccinations:

1. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

- a) The goats were born, raised and continuously resident in the United States of America.
- b) The goat(s) are in good health, physically sound and free from infectious disease.
- c) The United States of America is free from Akabane Disease, Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (*Mycoplasma mycoides*), East Coast Fever, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Goat Pox, Heart Water, Louping Ill, Nairobi Disease, Peste Des Petits Ruminants, Rift Valley Fever, Trypanosomiasis (Nagana),
- d) During the 12 months preceding the animals' qualification for export to Jamaica there were no evidence of tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*), Brucellosis (*Brucella abortus* or *Brucella ovis*), leptospirosis, paratuberculosis (Johne's disease) vibriosis, Vesicular stomatitis, or maedi visna found in these animals or other animals associated with the animals for export.
- e) At the flock of origin there have been no diagnosed cases of tuberculosis within the last ten (10) years
- f) The flock(s) of origin of the animals for export has (have) been enrolled in the National Scrapie Eradication Program for at least 12 months prior to the date of export and there have been no diagnosed cases of scrapie during the last 5 years, and the flock has not been designated scrapie infected or source flock and is not currently designated a scrapie exposed flock. The animals for export are not the progeny of parents infected with scrapie and they did not show any clinical signs of scrapie on the date of inspection.
- e) The ban on the feeding of meat and bone meal or greaves to ruminants has been effectively enforced in the whole country for at least (7) years.

- f) Each goat is derived from flocks with no reports of Johnes disease, Virulent Foot Rot, Caseous Lymphadenitis, Blue Tongue, Caprine Anthritis Encephalitis and Q-Fever during the last 12 months prior to exportation.
- g) Each goat showed no clinical signs of Contagious Agalactia on the day of shipment and was kept since birth or for 6 months prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of contagious agalactia was officially reported during that period.
- h) Each goat underwent pre-export quarantine in premises approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, for at least (21) days immediately prior to the scheduled date of export. The pre-export premises were constructed in such a manner so as to prevent goats in quarantine from having nose to nose contact with ruminants not in quarantine. Throughout the pre-export quarantine the goats were held in pens with clean, dry flooring.
- i) Within 7 days prior to export, the animals were examined for external parasites and treated for ectoparasites using products registered in the United States of America for that purpose and according to the product's specifications. (The product, concentration, dose and date of treatment must be recorded on the health certificate).
- j) Each goat was treated with a broad spectrum anthelmintic during the first (48)hours of pre- export quarantine; gave a zero parasite egg count to a faecal flotation concentration test carried out at least 7 days after the anthelmintic treatment as stated above; each goat was treated with an anthelmintic effective against both adult and immature forms of *Fasicola hepatica*, during the pre-export quarantine.

2. TEST REQUIREMENTS/ STATEMENT

Each goat must test negative and be certified free of the below mentioned diseases by the indicated tests within 30 days of shipment:

- a) Bluetongue: AGID or ELISA or PCR or virus isolation
- b) Tuberculosis: Intradermal Tuberculin Test
- c) Brucellosis (*Brucella melintensis*): BBAT or CF or ELISA or FPA
- d) Leptospirosis: Microtiter Agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *Leptospira Pomona* *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. hardjo* and *L. canicola*

3. VACCINATION STATEMENT

Vaccinations are not to be administered less than fourteen (14) days before export.

Haemorrhagic Septicemia; *Clostridium septicum* and *Clostridium chauvoei* to be administered not less than (30) days prior to shipment.

4. EMBARKMENT STATEMENT

At the port of embarkment, an official port veterinarian shall attach further Original Health Certification indicating:

- a) The name and address of the consignor.
- b) The name and address of the consignee.
- c) The number, species and permanent identification of the animals to be exported.

Each goat appears to be in good health, physically sound and free from visible symptoms of infectious disease.

5. OTHER INFORMATION

- a) The vehicle used to transport the goats to the port of export should be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading. During transport to the port of export, the goats should have no contact with goats or other ruminants not of the same certified health status.
- b) At least three (3) weeks notice of arrival of the animals with a further forty-eight (48) hours confirmation must be given to the Director, Veterinary Services Division, Jamaica. Tel: (876) 977-2489/92; Fax (876) 977-0885; email: vsd@moa.gov.jm
- c) On arrival at the designated port in Jamaica, an official veterinarian shall examine each goat, which must be transported (by the importers) to the National Quarantine Facility and there remain isolated for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days.
- d) A daily quarantine fee will be charged.