

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Sheep/Goats for Breeding from the United States of America to the State of Kuwait



Veterinary Authority

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

Certification Statements:

I, the undersigned USDA Accredited Veterinarian, certify that the animals described above meet the following requirements:

1. The animals were examined today and showed no clinical signs of infectious and contagious diseases.
2. The United States is free from contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever, foot and mouth disease, heartwater, Nairobi sheep disease, Nipah virus, old world screwworm, peste des petits ruminants, Rift valley fever, sheep and goat pox, and Brucella melitensis.
3. Anthrax: The animals were kept for the 20 days prior to shipment in an establishment where no case of anthrax was reported during that period.
4. Bluetongue: The animals were protected from vectors for at least 28 days prior to shipment and during transportation to the port of embarkation, and were tested with negative results for bluetongue virus antibodies during pre-export isolation. If an animal had positive results for bluetongue virus antibodies, the animal was tested for bluetongue virus agent with negative results prior to export.*

OR

The animals were protected from vectors for at least 14 days prior to shipment and during transportation to the port of embarkation, and were tested with negative results for bluetongue virus agent during pre-export isolation.*

5. Brucellosis: The animals originate from a herd or flock in which no case of brucellosis has been reported during the year prior to shipment; and the animals were isolated for at least 21 days prior to shipment and were tested for brucellosis using a 3% card test (rose bengal test) with negative results within 21 days prior to shipment; in the case of post-parturient females, the test was carried out at least 30 days after giving birth. If an animal had non-negative results, the animal was tested using a fluorescence polarisation assay or complement fixation test with negative results prior to export.
6. Caprine arthritis/encephalitis (for goats): Goats were tested for caprine arthritis/encephalitis with negative results within 30 days prior to shipment.*

OR

Caprine arthritis/encephalitis was neither clinically nor serologically diagnosed in the flocks of origin during the past three years, and no goat from a flock of inferior health status was introduced into these flocks during that period.*

7. Contagious agalactia: The animals originate from a flock in which no case of contagious agalactia was reported since or birth or for the six months prior to shipment.
8. Enzootic abortion in ewes (ovine chlamydiosis): The animals originate from a flock in which no case of enzootic abortion in ewes has been reported since birth or for the previous two years; and the animals were tested for enzootic abortion in ewes with negative results within 30 days prior to shipment.
9. Maedi-visna: The animals were tested for maedi-visna with negative results within 30 days prior to shipment.*

OR

Maedi-visna was neither clinically nor serologically diagnosed in the flocks of origin during the past three years, and no sheep or goat from a flock of inferior health status was introduced into these flocks during that period.*

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10. Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (for goats): The goats originate from herds in which no case of infection with M. tuberculosis complex has been reported for the past three years.*
- OR
- The goats were isolated for at least 21 days prior to shipment and were tested for tuberculosis with negative results within 21 days prior to shipment.*
11. New world screwworm: The United States is free from new world screwworm.*
- OR
- The animals did not reside in or transit through a control area for screwworm in the United States during the 21 days prior to shipment; and the animals were inspected by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian and were found free of fresh wounds or wounds in the process of healing and free of clinical signs of screwworm.*
12. Ovine epididymitis (Brucella ovis) (for sheep): The sheep originate from flocks in which there was no clinical evidence of ovine epididymitis during the past year; and sheep over six months of age were isolated for at least 21 days prior to shipment and were tested for ovine epididymitis with negative results within 21 days prior to shipment.*
- OR
- The sheep were isolated prior to shipment and were tested for ovine epididymitis with negative results on two occasions, with an interval of 30 to 60 days between each test, and the second test performed within 15 days prior to shipment.*
13. Paratuberculosis: The animals were tested for paratuberculosis by either ELISA, PCR, or AGID with negative results within 30 days prior to shipment.
14. Q fever: The animals will be examined by an APHIS veterinarian within 48 hours prior to export and do not show any clinical signs of Q fever.
15. Rabies: The animals originate from an establishment where there has been no case of rabies for at least 12 months prior to shipment.
16. Scrapie: The animals originate from flocks which participate in the APHIS National Scrapie Eradication Program. The flocks in which the animals have resided since birth are known and no flock in which they have resided was a scrapie infected or source flock for the past 7 years.*
- OR
- The sheep must have the genotype AAQR (alanine at codon 136, and glutamine and arginine at codon 171) or the genotype RR (arginine at codon 171). The genotype determination must be made at one of the USDA approved genotyping laboratories.*
- OR
- The goats must have the genotype 146 NS or SS (where S represents serine at codon 146 and N represents asparagine at codon 146) or 222 QK or KK (where Q represents glutamine and K represents Lysine at codon 222). The genotype determination must be made at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory or a laboratory approved by USDA to conduct scrapie susceptibility genotype testing on goats.*
17. The animals do not come from an area under veterinary restriction due to an outbreak of an infectious disease in sheep/goats; and must not be animals which have been culled under a national program to control and eradicate a contagious or infectious disease.

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18. The animals selected for export were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants was effectively enforced.
19. The animals were treated with products effective against external and internal parasites, including liver fluke.
20. The animals originate from a flock in which no other OIE-listed diseases affecting sheep/goats have been reported during the past 1 month prior to shipment.
21. The animals were kept in an export isolation facility approved by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian for at least 21 days prior to shipment.
22. The animals will be transported in vehicles that were cleaned and disinfected using products approved for use in the United States.

The certificate is valid for ten days from the date of loading. In case of export by sea, the validity of the certificate will be extended by the duration of the journey.

**Delete as appropriate.*

Name of Accredited Veterinarian	Name of USDA Veterinarian
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Date	Date