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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF LEBANON FOR SLAUGHTER CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The cattle 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 must provide/specify the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee, the ports of embarkation and destination, identification of the means of transport, and complete identification of the animals. The certificate must also contain the following certification statements.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and rinderpest. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in the United States.
2. With regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE):
 - a. the USDA has a surveillance program that exceeds OIE recommendations.
 - b. any animal considered by USDA to pose an unacceptable risk through its association with an affected animal will be destroyed and its carcass disposed of in a manner to avoid contamination of animal feed.
 - c. the feeding of ruminant meat-and-bone meal to ruminants in the United States has been prohibited since August 1997.
3. The cattle for export come from herds free of bovine tuberculosis and bovine brucellosis and no cases of these diseases have been reported in the herds in the last 12 months.
4. No outbreak of any contagious disease has been reported in the herds of origin during the last 6 months.
5. No cases of BSE have ever been reported in the herds of origin.
6. The herds of origin have not been epidemiologically linked to a case of BSE.
7. The cattle for export are not scheduled to be destroyed under any national disease eradication program
8. The cattle for export were examined within 30 days of shipment and found free of evidence of infectious disease.
9. The cattle for export are under 30 months of age, as determined by available documentation and/or examination of dentition.

10. The cattle for export are not known to have ever been fed any prohibited animal protein.

11. Vehicles used to transport the cattle for export have been and/or will be properly cleaned and disinfected before loading with products acceptable to USDA.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate a completed VS Form 17-37, "Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals," 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 to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

**U.S. ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR
EXPORT OF SLAUGHTER CATTLE TO LEBANON**

I. Animal identification: See attached sheet.

II. Name and address of consignor: _____

III. Name and address of consignee: _____

IV. Port of embarkation: _____

V. Port of destination : _____

VI. Identification of means of transport: _____

VII. Certification Statements

A. The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and rinderpest. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in the United States.

B. With regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE):

1. the USDA has a surveillance program that exceeds OIE recommendations.
2. any animal considered by USDA to pose an unacceptable risk through its association with an affected animal will be destroyed and its carcass disposed of in a manner to avoid contamination of animal feed.
3. the feeding of ruminant meat-and-bone meal to ruminants in the United States has been prohibited since August 1997.

C. The cattle for export come from herds free of bovine tuberculosis and bovine brucellosis and no cases of these diseases have been reported in the herds in the last 12 months.

D. No outbreak of any contagious disease has been reported in the herds of origin during the last 6 months.

E. No cases of BSE have ever been reported in the herds of origin.

F. The herds of origin have not been epidemiologically linked to a case of BSE.

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

G. The cattle for export are not scheduled to be destroyed under any national disease eradication program.

H. The cattle for export were examined within 30 days of shipment and found free of evidence of infectious disease.

I. The cattle for export are under 30 months of age, as determined by available documentation and/or examination of dentition.

J. The cattle for export are not known to have ever been fed any prohibited animal protein.

K. Vehicles used to transport the cattle for export have been and/or will be properly cleaned and disinfected before loading with products acceptable to USDA.

Name of issuing accredited veterinarian

Signature of issuing accredited veterinarian

Place

Date

Name of endorsing Federal veterinarian

Signature of endorsing Federal veterinarian

Place

Date

Note: This health certificate is not considered by the Government of Lebanon to be complete unless a completed VS Form 17-37, Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals, is attached, 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.**
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