QUARANTINE PROCEDURES FOR BLUETONGUE TESTING FOR CATTLE IMPORTED TO PERU FROM THE UNITED STATES

1. **OBJECTIVE**
   Indicate the post-entry bluetongue virus (BTV) quarantine and testing procedure for live cattle imported from the United States.

2. **SCOPE**
   This document applies to all imports of live cattle coming from the United States.

3. **PROCEDURE OF POST-ENTRY QUARANTINE**

   Animals will remain for 30 days in the quarantine facility under official control; 30 days quarantine period may be extended to 60 days or more. Immediately upon arrival, 100% of the animals will be tested for the Bluetongue virus.

   - According to the information recorded in the Export Certificate issued by APHIS, the same diagnostic test as the one used in USA will be performed.
     - Serology: ELISA or AGID test
     - Molecular: PCR

   - The animals tested negative to any of these 3 tests (ELISA or AGID or PCR) will be released after the quarantine period.

   - The animals with clinical signs of the disease and tested positive by serological tests and PCR:
     - Will be tested by virus isolation (VI) in blood.
       1. Animals tested negative by VI will be released at the end of the quarantine.
       2. Animals tested positive by VI will be rejected.

   - Animals without clinical signs and tested positive by serology tests:
     - The animals will be retested using the PCR test.
       1. Animals tested negative by PCR will be released at the end of the 30-day quarantine.
       2. The animals tested positive by PCR will be immediately retested by VI in whole blood.
         1. Animals tested negative by VI will be released at the end of the quarantine.
         2. Animals tested positive by VI will be rejected.

   - All virus isolation tests will be conducted at an OIE reference laboratory.