

General Public Q & A

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Veterinary Services

Questions and Answers Regarding Health Certificates For the Export of Live Animals, Bovine Semen, and Embryos to Russia

- *Is an import permit required to export live animals, bovine semen, and embryos to Russia?*

Yes, the import permit has to be obtained from the Russian Federation.

- *Some health certificates contain the condition “where necessary on the basis of Russian requirements under the observation of one representative of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation.” What does this mean and who will pay for the visit?*

The need for a visit will be determined by the Russian Government and it will be conducted at the expense of the Russian Government.

- *What kind of cattle can be exported under the breeding cattle protocol?*

This protocol may be used only for the exportation of intact breeding cattle (males and females).

- *Is there an age limitation for the cattle to be exported?*

Yes, only cattle born after August 1997 can be exported. This is the date when the feed ban in United States was enacted

- *Is it possible to obtain the Word version of the health certificates?*

Yes. Please contact Dr. Jill Wallace at National Center for Import and Export at (301) 851-3300 Option 2 to request Word versions of the documents.

- *The cattle health certificate statement “The animals exported to the Russian Federation have been identified in compliance with the existing U.S. cattle identification program” does not specify what kind of permanent identification (ID) is required. What types of ID are acceptable?*

A permanent, visible alphanumeric ID similar to those used for brucellosis vaccinates is required.

- *The health certificates list the diseases that require testing but do not specify what kinds of tests are required. Can you clarify?*

Accredited veterinarian can determine what kind of test is needed. We advise performing test(s) that are widely used and commonly available for the disease.