

**Model Animal Health Certificate for the exportation of sheep and goats for breeding from the  
United States of America to Suriname**

Certificate N<sup>o</sup>:

**I. Identification of the animals**

Order	Identification number (identification mark on skin or ear tag)	Breed	Sex	Date of birth (dd- mm-yyyy)
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**II. Origin of the animals**

The animals are shipped from the following establishments without having come into contact with animals for breeding or production of a different health status:

Name and address of the exporter:	
Name and address of the establishment(s):	
Type or means of transportation:	

**III. Destination of the animals**

Name of the importer:	
Address of the importer:	
Address of the approved post-entry quarantine location (in Suriname):	

**IV. Health Attestation**

I the undersigned officially accredited veterinarian, certify that the animals described in the accompanying annex meet the following requirements:

**A. Health status of the United States of America:**

In accordance with the standards of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the International Office of Epizootics (OIE), the United States of America is recognized as a country free of Foot and Mouth Disease without vaccination;

**B. Health status of the establishments of origin:**

1. The establishments are under the supervision of an USDA Officially Accredited Veterinarian, who oversees the health status of the animals;
2. Concerning scrapie, the following statements are made; a) Ovine scrapie is a reportable disease in United States; b) The animals are originated from a country that adopts the measures recommended by the OIE Terrestrial Code for the control and eradication of ovine scrapie. c) The animals and their direct ancestry were born and raised in United States or in another country with equal or better health condition with respect to scrapie. d) In accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Code, the animals have been permanently identified to enable trace back to their establishment of origin and showed no clinical sign of scrapie at the time of inspection.
3. During the past 3 years before dispatch no case of infection with *M. tuberculosis* complex in any animal species has been detected;
4. The animals come from establishments in which, at least for the past three years, no case of infection with *Brucella* has been detected;
5. During the past 24 months before dispatch no clinical case of enzootic abortion of ewes has been diagnosed in the establishments of origin;
6. The animals come from a herd that is free from clinical cases of enzootic abortion of ewes for the past 2 years.
7. The animals come from a herd of origin, where no clinical cases of Bluetongue, caprine arthritis/encephalitis, contagious agalactia, paratuberculosis, Maedi-Visna, Q fever and leptospirosis have been detected during the last twelve months before dispatch;
8. The animals are sourced from a properties on which no evidence of *Echinococcus granulosus* has been found in cattle, sheep, or dogs during the previous 5 years prior to export
9. No case of Anthrax has ever occurred in the establishments of origin;

**C. Health status of the animals to be exported**

1. The animals identified in this certificate were born and bred in the United States of America, or legally imported;
2. The animals have been kept in isolation in an establishment approved by a veterinarian accredited by the Official Veterinary Authority and under the supervision of a veterinarian

accredited by the Official Veterinary Authority for a period of at least 30 days prior to export. The animals have not shown any clinical signs of infectious disease, including Foot and Mouth Disease, Scrapie, Sheep and goat pox and Peste des petit ruminants during the isolation period.

3. The animals have never been vaccinated against Foot and Mouth disease, M. tuberculosis complex and Brucella;
4. The animals have been treated against ectoparasites and endoparasites with approved broad-spectrum medication(s). The treatment must have activity against flukes;

Type of treatment : .....

Name of medication: .....

Date(s) of treatment: .....

5. The animals have been treated during isolation with a reliable flukicide within 30 days but not less than 7 days prior to shipments. The efficacy of the flukicide has been checked 7-14 days after treatment by examining fecal samples from the treated cattle by the fecal floatation concentration method and sedimentation methods with a zero fluke egg count.

Name of medication: .....

Date (s) of treatment: .....

6. Concerning Bluetongue:  
The animals were subjected to a serological test (ELISA or AGID) or agent identification test (polymerase chain reaction) in accordance with the Terrestrial manual of the OIE, with negative results, and that test was carried out on blood samples taken not more than 10 days before the date of shipment (in the case of non-negatives on ELISA or AGID, the animals which are negative to a confirmatory PCR test are eligible for export;

Date and type of test: .....

7. The animals were subjected to a serological test for Brucella (*Brucella abortus* and *Brucella ovis* for sheep) (*Brucella abortus*, *Brucella melitensis* for goats) during the 30 days prior to shipment, with negative results. The animals have not been vaccinated against Brucellosis;

8. The animals were subjected to an intradermal test for M. tuberculosis complex with negative results, within 30 days of shipment;

9. The animals were treated with a suitable acaricide and inspected to ensure that they are free from ticks and maintained tick-free while in quarantine for 30 days and were subjected to an ELISA test to detect antibodies for Q fever within 10 days of shipment, with negative results;

10. Animals over 1 year of age were subjected to a diagnostic test for caprine arthritis/encephalitis and Maedi-Visna with negative results during the 30 days prior to shipment;

#### **D. Required tests**

During quarantine, all animals have been subjected, with negative results, to the following tests;

1. Q-fever: ELISA;
2. *Brucella*: Buffered acid Antigen test (rose Bengal). The positives were subjected to the complement fixation test, or 2- mercaptoethanol;

3. *M. tuberculosis* complex; PCR or other suitable test
  4. Caprine arthritis/ encephalitis: ELISA or PCR
  5. Bluetongue: ELISA, AGID, or PCR. (negative confirmatory PCR may be used to clear animals with non-negative results on serological testing)
  6. Caprine arthritis/ encephalitis: serological testing of animals over 1 year of age;
  7. Maedi–Visna: serological testing of animals over 1 year of age;
  8. Liver flukes: fecal flotation concentration method and sedimentation methods 7-14 days after treatment by examining fecal samples from the treated cattle by the fecal floatation concentration method and sedimentation methods with a zero fluke egg count. Only animals with a zero egg count may be exported to Suriname.
- (1) The animals are transported to the place of shipment in such a way as to avoid direct contact with animals of lower health status, in vehicles cleaned and disinfected previously with products approved by the official Veterinary Service;
  - (2) All test are performed by laboratories acceptable to the Official Veterinary Service of the United States of America;
  - (3) The animals must be individually and visibly marked with numbers and/ or letters to be distinguishable from each other on sight. These same identification codes must be used on the laboratory documents and other required export documents..

**Annex 2** Testing results (testing chart may also be attached as an addendum- tests do not need APHIS endorsement)

Place and date of issuance \_\_\_\_\_

Name and signature of the issuing USDA Accredited Veterinarian:

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Place and date of endorsement \_\_\_\_\_

Name and signature of the endorsing USDA- APHIS Veterinarian:

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