

**Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of  
Ovine and Caprine Semen from the United States of America to Tunisia**



**Veterinary Authority**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Date Of Issue**

**Certificate Number**

**1. Consignor:**

**2. Consignee:**

**3. Country Of Origin:**

USA

**4. State Of Origin:**

**5. Country Of Destination:**

Tunisia

**6. Zone Of Destination:**

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**7. Place Of Origin:**

**8. Port Of Embarkation / Border Crossing:**

**9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:**

**10. Means Of Transport:**

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12. CITES Permit Number:  
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**13. Description Of Commodity:**

Ovine and Caprine Semen

**14. Date Of Inspection:**

**15. Total Quantity:**

**16. Additional Information:**

**17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers:**

**18. Identification / Seal Numbers:**

**19. Commodities Intended Use:**

Breeding

**20. Type Of Admission:**

**21. Identification Of Commodities:**

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**21. Identification Of Commodities: Continued**

Row #	Official Identification of Donor	Breed of Donor	Semen Collection Date(s)	Straw Identification / Collection Code	Number of straws
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**Certification Statements:**

1. The United States is officially free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, peste des petites ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and Rift Valley fever, in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
2. The donor animals were born in the United States.
3. During the 12 months prior to collection, the herds of origin of the donor animals have not reported/confirmed clinical cases of caprine/ovine brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*).
4. During the 12 months prior to collection, the farms of origin of the donor animals have been free of clinical cases of scrapie, maedi-visna, caprine arthritis/encephalitis, bluetongue, paratuberculosis, ovine epididymitis, and contagious agalactia.
5. On the day(s) of collection, all the donor animals were in good health and did not show clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease.
6. The semen was collected, processed and stored in a manner that is acceptable to the USDA at an APHIS-approved semen collection center, which is inspected annually, and the center is under the supervision of the USDA Accredited Veterinarian.
7. Only animals that have completed a 21 day pre-entry isolation and are associated with semen production are permitted to enter the center. The semen collection facility has separate areas for the pre-entry isolation of animals.
8. The donors are adequately isolated to prevent the transmission of diseases from farm livestock and other animals.
9. The semen has been diluted using diluents that do not contain pathogenic organisms and to which antibiotics have been added in accordance with OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code recommendations.
10. The semen straws are individually identified with donor animal and collection identification code.
11. Semen was stored in containers which were new or cleaned and disinfected with a licensed product.
12. The shipping containers will be sealed by USDA accredited veterinarian prior to transportation to the port of embarkation.
13. Semen was not exported prior to the final endorsement of required veterinary health certificate by the competent veterinary authority.

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The donor animals were tested according to recommendations in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, with negative results, for the following diseases within 6 months prior to or 30 days after semen collection:

1. Tuberculosis (Mycobacterium bovis), for goats.

Date of test(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contagious epididymitis (Brucella ovis), for sheep.

Date of test(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Chlamydia abortus (Enzootic abortion of ewes).

Date of test(s): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Bluetongue virus (BTV). Either antibody test OR antigen identification test (PCR).

Test Method Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Test: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Accredited Veterinarian**

**Name of USDA Veterinarian**

**Signature of Accredited Veterinarian**

**Signature of USDA Veterinarian**

**Date**

**Date**