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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF TAIWAN FOR CAPRINE AND OVINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The semen 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 veterinarian. The certificate must contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee and identification of the semen to be exported. It must also contain the following certification statements and the results of the indicated testing.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

- 1 The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, and African swine fever.
- 2 The export semen is from a farm [artificial insemination (AI) center] that is supervised by a USDA-accredited veterinarian and relevant government authorities of the United States.
- 3 The donor sires have been maintained at the farm (AI center) for at least 6 months prior to collection of semen for exportation and during that time have not been used for natural service.
- 4 During the 12 months prior to collection of semen for export to Taiwan, brucellosis, sheep pox, goat pox, scabies, tuberculosis, Johne's disease, bluetongue, and hemorrhagic septicemia have not been known to occur at the farm (AI center).
- 5 During the 6 months prior to collection of semen for export to Taiwan, scrapie, contagious pustular dermatitis, infectious abortion, melioidosis, leptospirosis, vibriosis, and listeriosis have not been known to occur at the farm (AI center).
- 6 The donor sires originated from States where vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the 12 months prior to exportation.
- 7 No signs of communicable disease were seen during the 30 days prior to collection of the semen for exportation.
- 8 The donor sires were not vaccinated for foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, African swine fever, or brucellosis.
- 9 The semen was collected, processed, and transported in a sanitary manner so as to remain free of contamination by infectious disease agents.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The donor sires must be negative to tests for the following diseases within the 3 months prior to collection of semen for exportation:

1. Tuberculosis: intradermal test in the caudal fold using bovine PPD.
2. Brucellosis: goats - tube agglutination test at less than 50 IU/ml (negative at 1:50 dilution).

sheep - complement fixation test at a 1:10 dilution for *B. ovis*.

3. Johne's disease: complement fixation (CF) test at a 1:8 dilution or fecal culture test.

4. Bluetongue: CF test at a 1:5 dilution AND agar-gel immunodiffusion test or (c-ELISA).

5. Vesicular stomatitis: serum neutralization test at 1:8 dilution.

OTHER INFORMATION

1 The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be endorsed by a USDA veterinarian prior to exportation and must show in detail the identification of the donor sire, the identification of the straws or ampules of semen, and the dates of collection of each lot of semen.

2 The "relevant government authority" supervision noted in Certification Statement No. 2 is the supervision of the USDA-accredited veterinarian by USDA Veterinary Services. Supervision may include spot checks, review of residency history of donors, review of health tests, etc.