

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARUBA FOR CATTLE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The animals 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 (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional certification shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free from foot-and-mouth disease, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and rinderpest.
2. The animals were born and raised in the United States of America or were resident for not less than 90 days.
3. Regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) the following three statements are made:
 - a) The United States of America is recognized as a country with a controlled BSE risk and complies with the conditions referred to in Article 11.6.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
 - b) Cattle selected for export are identified by a permanent identification system in such a way as to demonstrate that they are not exposed cattle as described in point 3 b) of Article 11.6.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of OIE.
 - c) Cattle selected for export were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants was effectively enforced.
4. In the herd of origin no animals with clinical signs of tuberculosis (*M.bovis*) were observed for 30 days prior to exportation and no cattle from a herd of inferior health status was introduced into this (these) herd(s) during this period. The premises have been designated free of tuberculosis for 2 years immediately prior to export.
5. In the herd of origin no animals with clinical signs of paratuberculosis (*M.paratuberculosis*) were observed for 30 days prior to exportation and no cattle from a herd of inferior health status was introduced into this (these) herd(s) during this period. There were no clinical cases of Johne's disease during the last 5 years.
6. The animals originated from herds which are clinically free of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR). If the animals are previously vaccinated against this disease,

- it must be verified for each animal to have been vaccinated with an inactivated vaccine. The name of the product and the date of vaccination must be included on the Health Certificate.
7. The animals originated from herds which are clinically free of bovine viral diarrhea and where there is no history of this infection in the herd for at least 3 months immediately prior to export to Aruba.
 8. The animals originated from herds which are clinically free of bovine leucosis for a period of 3 years preceding embarkation to Aruba.
 9. The farm of origin of each animal has been free of any report of, and there was no evidence of exposure to the following diseases for a period of 12 months preceding export: anthrax, bluetongue, bovine brucellosis, campylobacteriosis, leptospirosis, malignant catarrhal fever, trichomoniasis, Q fever, and vesicular stomatitis.
 10. The animals must be free of communicable disease or exposure to communicable disease for 60 days prior to export.
 11. The animals are in good health, physically sound and free from clinical signs of infectious disease including freedom from any symptoms of tuberculosis and paratuberculosis.
 12. The animal or the animals as a group were isolated, under the supervision of the officially accredited veterinarian, from other animals, and remained isolated for not less than 21 days prior to the date of export.
 13. The animals must have been maintained in a tick-free status for a minimum of 60 days prior to export. Within 10 days prior to export the animals must be treated for external parasites, including ticks with an approved pesticide. The name of pesticide used, concentrations, and dates applied must be included on the Health Certificate.
 14. Each animal has been identified with tamper-proof official eartag or microchip inserted midway on the left side of the neck, breed, sex, and age.
 15. The animals were treated within 48 hours prior to shipment, with a product that provides broad spectrum coverage against internal parasites and is considered to be ovicidal and larvacidal. The animals were also treated at the same time with a product approved for use against external parasites. The names of the products used must be included on the health certificate.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

All animals must be tested with negative results as prescribed below within 45 days immediately prior to export. The same tests may be repeated in Aruba. All test results to qualify the animals must be included.

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal caudal fold test using bovine PPD tuberculin
2. Brucella abortus: Any officially recognized test at a VS-certified laboratory
3. Paratuberculosis: Elisa test
4. Bluetongue: Agar-gel immunodiffusion test

EMBARKATION STATEMENTS

At the port of embarkation, the USDA port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate and the original laboratory test results, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number, sex and breed of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and were found free from evidence of communicable disease (and exposure thereto), tumors, fresh wounds or wounds in the process of healing, or ectoparasites. The inspection is to be done within 24 hours of exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. In order to import live animals into Aruba, the consignee must have the Health Certificate and/or related test results approved by the Director of the Veterinary Service of Aruba before the animals are shipped to Aruba.
2. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate is valid for 14 days from the date of issuance although this can be extended to 45 days if the animals have remained healthy and in isolation from other animals and the accredited veterinarian so certifies.
3. No animal, semen, fertilized ova, products, or equipments other than those listed on the import permit may be included in the shipment.
4. The animals must not transit any country under animal health quarantine in route to Aruba. In case of extreme necessity, it is indispensable to have a special permit from the Director of Veterinary Services of Aruba.