

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA FOR SWINE FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

All swine for immediate slaughter require an Import Permit issued by a CFIA office prior to the arrival of the animal at a port of entry.

The animal(s) must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS FORM 17 – 140) issued by a USDA veterinarian or a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information must include the following certifications provided by the veterinarian issuing the certificate:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The state of origin is a Stage IV or V State under the USDA Pseudorabies eradication program. Swine in the State of origin have been monitored for pseudorabies antibody at levels not less than the program standards of the national pseudorabies eradication program.
2. The premises of origin and all farms within a radius of three (3) kilometers have been free from any clinical or epidemiological evidence of pseudorabies (excluding viral strains associated with approved marker vaccines) for a period of twelve (12) months prior to exportation
3. The state of origin is a Class Free State under the Swine Brucellosis Eradication Program Uniform Methods and Rules.
4. The animal(s) presented for importation have been born and continuously resident in the State of origin or in States recognized as having equivalent zoosanitary health status for the exported species of animals.
5. Animal(s) exported to Canada are not from an assembly yard.
6. The animals in the consignment were inspected by an accredited veterinarian during the seven (7) day period immediately preceding export to Canada and were found healthy and free from any clinical evidence of infectious disease and, as far as can be determined, exposure thereto. The date of the examination must be stated on the certificate. The owner must have been instructed to report any suspected illness or death affecting any animal in the herd or flock of origin, between the date of the examination and the date of the shipment.
7. The animals are transported in vehicles that have been cleaned and disinfected.
8. All states in which the animal(s) have resided in the past twenty-one (21) days must have been free from clinical and epidemiological evidence of vesicular stomatitis during the twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export to Canada.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The exporter has been assigned the unique tattoo number detailed on the certificate and the appropriate equipment and instruction for the application of a slap tattoo. The imported swine must be identified by a unique numeric or alpha-numeric sequence, applied by a slap tattoo; or other means of identification acceptable to the Minister.
2. The truck driver must present written documentation verifying that the truck was cleaned and disinfected prior to the loading of the animals at the farm(s) of origin. The date and time of cleaning and disinfection must be noted. The exporter must endorse the documentation verifying that the truck had been cleaned and disinfected immediately prior to the loading of the animals being exported. Where more than one exporter contributes animals to a shipment, the documentation must be endorsed by the exporter whose animals were loaded first.