


Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Small Ruminant (Sheep and Goat) Semen from the United States of America to Nigeria		
Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Date Of Issue	
1. Consignor:		2. Consignee:
3. Country Of Origin: USA		4. State Of Origin:
5. Country Of Destination: Nigeria		6. Zone Of Destination: *****
7. Place Of Origin:		8. Port Of Embarkation / Border Crossing:
9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:		10. Means Of Transport:
11. ***** *****		12. CITES Permit Number: *****
13. Description Of Commodity: Small Ruminant (Sheep and Goat) 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: N/A		20. Type Of Admission:
21. Identification Of Commodities: (See next page) ***** ***** *****		

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21. Identification Of Commodities: Continued

Official Identification of Donor	Breed of Donor	Semen Collection Date(s)	Straw Identification / Collection Code	Number of straws

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Certification Statements:

I, the undersigned USDA Accredited Veterinarian, certify to the following statements:

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, peste des petites ruminants (PPR), contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and Rift valley fever, in accordance with the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

2. Regarding the semen collection facility:

a. The center must be approved by APHIS and be under the sanitary supervision and control of a USDA Accredited Veterinarian who is responsible for routine visits to check the health of the animals, and the procedures and records at the Center, at least once every six months.

b. Only animals associated with semen production are permitted to enter the semen collection center. Other species of livestock may exceptionally be resident on the center, provided that they are kept physically apart.

c. Animals in the semen collection center are adequately isolated from farm livestock on adjacent land or buildings by natural or artificial means.

d. The entry of visitors should be strictly controlled. Personnel at a center should be technically competent and observe high standards of personal hygiene to preclude the introduction of pathogenic organisms. Protective clothing and footwear for use only on the center should be provided.

e. Individual semen containers and storage rooms should be capable of being disinfected.

f. Animals must be clinically healthy, physiologically normal, and donors collected for semen for export to Nigeria must pass pre-entry tests within the 30 days prior to entry into the approved semen collection center for: bluetongue, Brucella ovis (sheep only), and enzootic abortion of ewes (sheep only).

Date(s) of Pre-Entry Testing for Bluetongue: _____

Date(s) of Pre-Entry Testing for B. ovis (sheep only): _____

Date(s) of Pre-Entry Testing for enzootic abortion of ewes (sheep only): _____

g. Any animal protein used in preparing the semen diluents (ex: milk, egg yolk, etc.) was free of pathogens or was sterilized (i.e., milk was heat-treated at 92 degrees C for 3-5 minutes; eggs were sourced from SPF flocks). The inclusion of penicillin, streptomycin, polymyxin, etc., is permitted.

3. Each semen straw is identified with the name and identification number of the donor buck/ram and the date of collection, in line with U.S. national standards.

4. The shipping containers will be sealed by USDA accredited veterinarian prior to transportation to the port of embarkation and will not be exported prior to the final endorsement by APHIS of the required veterinary health certificate.

5. The donor animals are permanently identified to enable trace back to their establishment of origin; AND have been kept since birth in establishments in which no case of scrapie had been confirmed during their residency; AND donors showed no

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clinical sign of scrapie at the time of collection.

6. The donor animals were tested according to recommendations in the WOAHA Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, with negative results, for the following diseases:

a. Bluetongue Virus: the donor males showed no clinical sign of bluetongue on the day of collection, and the semen was collected, processed and stored in accordance with Chapters 4.6. and 4.7. of the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code; AND

[O] were kept in a vector-protected establishment in accordance with point 1 of Article 8.3.13. for at least 60 days before commencement of, and during, collection of the semen; OR

[O] were subjected to a serological test to detect antibodies to the BTV group, with negative results, between 28 and 60 days after each collection for this consignment; OR

[O] were subjected to an agent identification test on blood samples collected at commencement and conclusion of, and at least every 7 days (virus isolation test) or at least every 28 days (PCR test) during, semen collection for this consignment, with negative results.

b. Brucella Ovis (ovine epididymitis) - for sheep only:

i. showed no clinical sign of ovine epididymitis on the day of collection of the semen;

ii. were kept in the exporting country for the 60 days prior to collection, in an establishment or semen collection centre where all animals are free from ovine epididymitis;

iii. the semen does not contain B. ovis or other Brucella antibodies.

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c. Brucella melitensis: Showed no clinical sign of caprine and ovine brucellosis on the day of collection of the semen; AND

[O] during the 12 months prior to collection, the States of origin of the donor animals have not reported/confirmed clinical cases of caprine/ovine brucellosis (Brucella melitensis).

[O] donors were kept in a flock free from caprine and ovine brucellosis, and were tested negative within 30 days prior to collection.

d. Chlamydia abortus (Enzootic abortion of ewes): For sheep only, the donor animals have remained since birth, or for the two years prior to collection, in establishments where no clinical cases of enzootic abortion of ewes (EAE)/ ovine chlamydiosis have been confirmed; OR were tested negative within six (6) months of collection of semen for export.

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