

## **VETERINARY SERVICES MEMORANDUM NO 591.64**

**Subject:** Procedures for the Importation of Cattle, Bison, Sheep, and Goats from Canada

**To:** Regional Directors, Veterinary Services  
Area Veterinarians in Charge, Veterinary Services  
Port Veterinarians, Veterinary Services  
Veterinary Medical Office, Plant Protection and Quarantine  
State Veterinarians

### **I. PURPOSE**

This memorandum describes Veterinary Services (VS) requirements and procedures for the importation of cattle, bison, sheep, and goats from Canada.

### **II. CANCELLATIONS**

Veterinary Services Memorandum No. 591.64, dated February 18, 2005, is effectively cancelled.

### **III. BACKGROUND**

- A. On January 4, 2005, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published a final rule entitled, “Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities.” The rule is effective immediately. The rule amended Title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations* (9 CFR), Parts 93, 94, 95, and 96. This rule allows, under specific conditions, the importation of:
1. Cattle and bison (referred to as bovines in the final rule) that are transported from a U.S. port of entry (POE) directly to a single feedlot and then directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment;
  2. Sheep and goats that are transported from a U.S. POE directly to a single designated feedlot and then directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment;
  3. Cattle, bison, sheep, and goats transported from a U.S. POE directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment that has been approved by VS to receive such animals. The “List of Plants Approved to Handle Immediate Slaughter Animals” can be obtained by contacting the National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) or by downloading it from <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie>.
- B. Camelids and cervids from Canada are no longer subject to any bovine spongiform

encephalopathy (BSE) import restrictions. They can be imported for any purpose through any Canadian border port listed in 9 CFR, Part 93.403(b), if accompanied by an official Canadian health certificate and presented for inspection.

#### IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. All shipments of cattle, bison, sheep, and goats must be accompanied by an official Canadian health certificate. For shipments of animals for feeding: an original and two copies of the official Canadian health certificate are required for **each** vehicle. For shipments of slaughter animals: an original Canadian health certificate is required for each shipment of 8 vehicles or less. The lead truck must have the original health certificate and one copy. Each subsequent truck in the shipment must carry two copies of the health certificate. The Canadian seal numbers corresponding with each truck must be written on one copy. The official health certificate must be issued by a veterinarian designated or accredited by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and must be endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinarian employed by CFIA attesting to the certifications described in this memorandum. The health certificate is valid for 30 days from the issue date. Further, uncastrated sheep and goats for feeding must be accompanied by an Import Permit issued by NCIE.
- B. The official health certificate must include:
1. Name and address of the importer;
  2. Species, breed, and number of cattle, bison, sheep, or goats to be imported;
  3. Purpose of the importation;
  4. Individual identification, which includes the eartag number or other approved forms of identification, and any other identification present on the animal, including registration number (if any);
  5. Description of the cattle, bison, sheep, or goat, including age in months, color, markings (if any);
  6. Region/country of origin. (This part should read Canada. If the animals originated in the United States, then the certificate can indicate "U.S." in this part.);
  7. Address or other means of identifying the premises of origin and any other premises where the bovines, sheep, or goats resided immediately prior to export;
  8. Specific physical location of the feedlot where the ruminants are to be moved after importation **or** the address of the recognized slaughtering establishment;

including the applicable Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) establishment number;

9. Name and address of the exporter;
  10. Port of embarkation in Canada, the mode of transportation, route of travel, and POE in the United States;
  11. Identification numbers of the Canadian seals that have been applied to the vehicle.
- C. Animals must be presented to a U.S. POE listed in 9 CFR 93.403(b). The shipment must be accompanied by the official Canadian health certificate. The VS Form 17-29, "Declaration of Importation" (Attachment 1), will be completed by the Customs broker and will be presented to the port veterinarian along with the health certificate.
- D. Animals must arrive at the POE in a vehicle that has been sealed in Canada with seals of the national Government of Canada. If the seals are broken, missing, or do not match the seal numbers written on the health certificate, the animals will be refused entry. If the shipment does not comply with import requirements, the animals will be refused entry. Note that import protocols are available to the public on the NCIE web page at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie>.

## **V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PORT VETERINARIAN**

The port veterinarian shall inspect the shipment in accordance with the provisions of this memorandum.

- A. Examine the vehicle and verify that Canadian seals, or if applicable, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seals have been applied to the vehicle and are still intact. Note that CBP may break the seals and inspect the vehicle. If CBP breaks the CFIA seals, they will reseal the vehicle with CBP seals and note the numbers of their seals on their release documents. If the seals are broken, missing, or do not match the seal numbers written on the Canadian health certificate, the animals will be refused entry.
- B. For feeder bovine, verify that the "CAN" brand has been properly applied. Improperly applied brands or hair brands or anything that does not result in a permanent mark is not acceptable. The mark must be no less than 2 inches high and must be applied to each animal's right hip, high on the tail-head (over the junction of the sacral and first coccygeal vertebrae). Note that alternative methods of permanent identification (for example, a tattoo for young veal calves) may be used if prior approval is given by NCIE before the shipment reaches the port. Any alternative methods of identification that are approved by NCIE will be communicated promptly through the Regional Offices to the port veterinarians.

- C. For feeder sheep and goats, verify that the “C” brand has been properly applied. Improperly applied brands or hair brands or anything that does not result in a permanent mark is not acceptable. The mark must be not less than 1 inch high and can be applied to any haired area on the animal that can be readily observed. As with feeder bovines, if any other means of permanent identification are approved, NCIE will communicate promptly through the Regional Offices to the port veterinarians. Note that the importer of uncastrated sheep and goats must obtain an Import Permit from NCIE prior to arrival at the port.
- D. Inspect the animals and examine the health certificate and verify that the conditions described in this memorandum have been met, including appropriate certifications on the health certificate and that bovines are less than 30 months of age and sheep and goats are less than 12 months of age. If the conditions described in this memorandum have not been met, the shipment must be refused entry.
- E. All feeder cattle are to be offloaded. If feeder cattle are presented at a port that does not have offloading facilities, the shipment must be refused entry. Slaughter cattle should not be offloaded unless the port veterinarian suspects an animal health or animal welfare issue. Slaughter cattle should be visually inspected. User fees will be assessed for all functions covered by this memorandum.
- F. If all of the requirements for entry have been met, the port veterinarian will issue VS Form 17-30, “Report of Animals, Poultry or Eggs Offered for Importation” (Attachment 2), and either VS Form 17-33, “Animals Imported for Immediate Slaughter” (Attachment 3), or VS Form 17-130, “Ruminants Imported to Designated/Approved Feedlots” (Attachment 4). These forms should be distributed as indicated on each individual form. A copy of the health certificate should be attached to the copy of the VS Form 17-130 that is sent to the State Veterinarian in the State of destination.
- G. If any of the Canadian seals are broken during inspection, the shipment will be resealed by the APHIS port veterinarian at the POE with official seals of the U.S. Government. The U.S. seal numbers will be written on the VS Form 17-33, or VS Form 17-130, depending on whether the animals are destined for immediate slaughter or a feedlot, along with any Canadian seal numbers that remain intact on the vehicle.
- H. Establish a suspense file for the VS Forms 17-130 and 17-33. If the VS Form 17-130 has not been returned to the port veterinarian within 14 days, contact the feedlot. If unable to contact the feedlot or if the feedlot is not responsive to your request, contact the Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC), who will then contact the State Veterinarian. If the VS Form 17-33 is not returned to the port veterinarian within 21 days, the port veterinarian should contact the slaughter establishment. If the slaughter establishment is not responsive to this followup request, the port

veterinarian should contact the AVIC who will then contact the FSIS District Office.

- I. If the shipment is refused entry, contact CBP and the local CFIA office and inform them of the refusal. Make notation either on the back of the health certificate or on VS letterhead of the reason(s) for the refusal for the port files. Keep a copy of the health certificate so that pertinent information on the animals and their identification can be retrieved if necessary.

## **VI. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF CATTLE, BISON, SHEEP, AND GOATS FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER**

- A. In order for recognized slaughtering establishments to receive Canadian bovines, sheep, and goats directly from the POE for immediate slaughter, the slaughter establishments must have prior approval by VS in accordance with VS Memorandum No. 591.15, "*Importation of Restricted Animals from Canada and Mexico for Immediate Slaughter*" (Attachment 5). A list of approved slaughter plants can be obtained by contacting NCIE or on their web page: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie>.
- B. In addition to the certifications listed in Section IV of this memorandum, the Canadian health certificate must also include the following statements:
  1. The bovines, sheep, or goats have been kept in Canada during the last 60 days immediately preceding the date of shipment to the United States, and that during this time, Canada has been free from foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
  2. The bovines, sheep, or goats are not in quarantine in Canada.
  3. The bovines, sheep, or goats have been inspected and found to be free from any evidence of communicable disease and that, as far as can be determined, they have not been exposed to any such disease during the preceding 60 days.
  4. The bovines, sheep, or goats are not pregnant.
  5. With regard to bovines imported for immediate slaughter, the following certifications must be made on the health certificate:
    - a. The cattle or bison are less than 30 months of age when imported into the United States;
    - b. The cattle or bison are subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

6. With regard to sheep and goats imported for immediate slaughter, the following certifications must be made:
  - a. The sheep or goats are subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;
  - b. The sheep or goats have not tested positive and are not suspect for a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy;
  - c. The sheep or goats have not resided in a flock or herd that has been diagnosed with BSE;
  - d. The movement of the sheep or goats is not restricted within Canada as a result of exposure to a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy; and
  - e. The sheep and goats are less than 12 months of age.
7. There are no testing requirements for animals imported for immediate slaughter.

## **VII. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF BOVINES FOR FEEDING AND THEN DIRECT TO SLAUGHTER**

In addition to the statements listed in Section IV of this memorandum, the health certificate must also include the following certification statements:

- A. The bovines have been kept in Canada during the last 60 days immediately preceding the date of shipment to the United States, and that during this time, Canada has been free from foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.
- B. The bovines are not in quarantine in Canada.
- C. The bovines have been inspected and found to be free from any evidence of communicable disease and that, as far as can be determined, they have not been exposed to any such disease during the preceding 60 days.
- D. The bovines are from a brucellosis free province.
- E. The bovines have continuously resided in a tuberculosis accredited free or Modified Accredited Advanced (MAA) province or a U.S. State.
- F. The bovines have been subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

- G. The bovines have been individually identified with an official Canadian eartag, applied prior to entry into the United States. (Note: bangle tags are **not** acceptable as the only means of identification.)
- H. The bovines have been permanently and humanely identified before arrival at the POE with a distinct and legible "CAN" mark that has been properly applied with a freeze brand, hot iron, or other permanent method, and easily visible on the live animal.
- I. The bovines are not pregnant.
- J. The bovines are less than 30 months of age when imported into the United States.

### **VIII. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF SHEEP AND GOATS FOR FEEDING AND THEN DIRECT TO SLAUGHTER**

- A. Designated feedlots for sheep and goats must have prior approval by VS before shipments can be released to those feedlots. The list of designated feedlots can be obtained on the NCIE web page at [www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie).
- B. In addition to the statements listed in Section IV of this memorandum, the health certificate must also include the following certifications:
  - 1. The sheep or goats have been kept in Canada during the last 60 days immediately preceding the date of shipment to the United States, and that during this time, Canada has been free from foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest;
  - 2. The sheep or goats are not in quarantine in Canada;
  - 3. The sheep or goats are **less than 12 months of age** when imported into the United States;
  - 4. The sheep or goats are subject to a ruminant feed ban equivalent to the requirements established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;
  - 5. The sheep or goats have been permanently and humanely identified before arrival at the POE with a distinct and legible "C" mark that has been properly applied with a freeze brand, hot iron, or other permanent method, and easily visible on the live animal.
  - 6. The sheep or goats are not pregnant or the sheep or goats have been castrated.

**IX. REQUIRMENTS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF CANADIAN BOVINES FROM FEEDLOTS DIRECTLY TO SLAUGHTER**

- A. The bovines identified on VS Form 17-130 must remain at the feedlot until transported to a recognized slaughtering establishment.
- B. No person may alter, deface, remove, or otherwise tamper with the individual, official animal identification while the animal is in the United States. Official animal identification may only be removed at the time of slaughter.
- C. Canadian bovines must be moved from the feedlot as a group of Canadian bovines directly to a recognized slaughter establishment in vehicles that are sealed at the feedlot by an accredited veterinarian or a State or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) representative with seals of the U.S. Government. The seals may be broken only at the recognized slaughtering establishment by a USDA representative.
- D. The shipment must also be accompanied to the recognized slaughtering establishment by VS Form 17-130 and VS Form 1-27, completed by an accredited veterinarian or a State or USDA representative. VS Form 1-27 must identify the physical location of the recognized slaughtering establishment, the individual responsible for the movement of the animals, and the individual identification of each animal, which includes the official eartag and any other identification present on the animal. A copy of the official Canadian health certificate must also accompany the shipment. The USDA representative at the slaughter plant will complete the VS Form 1-27 and return it to the AVIC.
- E. The bovines **must be less than 30 months of age** when slaughtered.

**X. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF CANADIAN SHEEP AND GOATS FROM DESIGNATED FEEDLOTS DIRECTLY TO SLAUGHTER**

- A. The sheep and goats identified on VS Form 17-130 must remain at the designated feedlot until transported to a recognized slaughtering establishment for slaughter. Designated feedlots for Canadian sheep and goats have been approved by the AVIC in advance of the importation of sheep and goats (Attachment 6).
- B. No person may alter, deface, remove, or otherwise tamper with the individual, official ruminant identification while the ruminant is in the United States. Official ruminant identification may be removed only at the time of slaughter.
- C. The sheep or goats must be moved directly from the feedlot as a group of Canadian animals to a recognized slaughtering establishment in vehicles that are sealed by an accredited veterinarian or a State or USDA representative with seals of the U.S. Government. The seals may be broken only at the recognized slaughtering establishment by a USDA representative.

- D. The shipment must be accompanied to the recognized slaughtering establishment by VS Form 17-130 and VS Form 1-27, completed by an accredited veterinarian or a State or USDA representative. The VS Form 1-27 must identify the physical location of the recognized slaughtering establishment, the individual responsible for the movement of the ruminants, the seal numbers, and the individual identification of each ruminant, which includes the official eartag and any other identification present on the ruminant. A copy of the Canadian health certificate must be attached to the VS Form 1-27.
- E. The USDA representative at the recognized slaughtering establishment will complete VS Form 1-27 and return it to the AVIC.
- F. The feedlot must maintain copies of the VS Form 17-30, VS Form 17-130, and the health certificate accompanying the animals when initially entering the designated feedlot for 5 years and be made available to State or Federal representatives as requested.
- G. The sheep or goats **must be less than 12 months of age** when slaughtered.

#### **XI. PAPERWORK THAT IS TO ACCOMPANY SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN BOVINES, SHEEP, OR GOATS TO SLAUGHTER:**

- A. In the case of Canadian bovines, sheep or goats that have moved from the U.S. POE directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment:

FSIS must receive VS Form 17-33 and a copy of the Canadian health certification. The shipment must have moved directly from the POE to the recognized slaughtering facility and the seals of the Canadian Government, APHIS, or CBP must still be intact.

- B. In the case of Canadian bovines, sheep, or goats that have moved from a feedlot directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment:

FSIS must receive VS Form 1-27 that has been completed and signed by either an accredited veterinarian or a State or APHIS representative. FSIS must also receive a copy of the Canadian health certificate and the VS Form 17-130. The shipment must arrive at the slaughter facility in vehicles that are sealed with official seals of the U.S. Government that have been applied by an accredited veterinarian or a State or APHIS employee. The seals must be intact.

#### **XII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AVIC**

- A. Upon request of a feedlot that wants to import feeder sheep or goats from Canada, the AVIC should inspect the feedlot and send written recommendation to NCIE as to whether or not to approve the facility as a designated feedlot (Attachment 6). Designated feedlots should be monitored as appropriate to ensure compliance.

- B. The AVIC is also responsible for communication with the POE, FSIS, feedlot, slaughter establishment, accredited veterinarian, State Veterinarian and for follow-up on compliance as needed once a shipment is released from the POE to a recognized slaughtering establishment or to a feedlot. If the AVIC has reason to believe that there is noncompliance with the BSE minimal risk rule or with this memorandum, a compliance investigation should be requested in a timely manner.

**XIII. DISPOSAL OF LIVE CANADIAN BOVINES, SHEEP, AND GOATS THAT ARE DISCOVERED TO NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BSE MINIMAL RISK RULE AT FEEDLOTS**

- A. Bovines that are discovered to be 30 months of age or older or calves born from imported bovines will be humanely euthanized and disposed of by burial, landfill, or incineration. The disposal of these animals will be at the expense of the feedlot owner/operator. The AVIC will request an investigation be initiated with Investigative and Enforcement Services (IES).
- B. Sheep and goats discovered to be 12 months of age or older or lambs and kid born from imported animals will be humanely euthanized and disposed of by burial, landfill, or incineration. The disposal of these animals will be at the expense of the feedlot owner/operator. The AVIC will request an investigation be initiated with IES.

**XIV. DISPOSAL OF LIVE CANADIAN BOVINES, SHEEP, OR GOATS THAT ARE HELD BY FSIS DUE TO NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE BSE MINIMAL RISK RULE**

- A. If the seals are broken on the shipment, or if FSIS determines on ante-mortem inspection that any of the Canadian bovines are 30 months of age or older or that the sheep or goats are 12 months of age or older, FSIS will hold the animal(s) and contact the AVIC. The AVIC will discuss with plant management how to proceed and advise the FSIS District Manager.
- B. The federally inspected slaughtering establishment will humanely euthanize the ineligible animals.
- C. If animals are determined to be 30 months of age or older (bovines) or 12 months of age (sheep or goats) at postmortem, FSIS will hold the animal(s) and prevent entry into human or animal food channels. VS will provide the federally inspected establishment with written guidance on how to dispose of ineligible animals or carcasses in a way that will ensure that the animals do not enter the human or animal food chain. Additionally, if an animal is found to be gravid, the fetus will be handled similarly to an animal that is 30 months of age or older (bovines) or 12 months of age or older (sheep and goats). The collection of fetal bovine serum is prohibited.

D. FSIS will collect all means of identification, including health certificate, and the VS forms that accompanied the shipment to slaughter, and forward to the AVIC.

F. Upon a noncompliance notification, the AVIC will immediately contact IES and initiate a compliance investigation. The AVIC will also notify the appropriate Regional Office and NCIE.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Clifford".

John R. Clifford  
Deputy Administrator  
Veterinary Services

6 Attachments

Attachment 1. VS Form 17-29 "Declaration of Importation"

Attachment 2. VS Form 17-30, "Report of Animals, Poultry or Eggs, Offered for Importation."

Attachment 3. VS Form 17-33, "Animals Imported for Immediate Slaughter"

Attachment 4. VS Form 17-130, "Ruminants Imported to Designated Approved Feedlots"

Attachment 5. VS Memorandum No. 591.15, "Importation of Restricted Animals from Canada and Mexico for Immediate Slaughter"

Attachment 6. Form Letter, feedlot agreement and inspection checklist for designated feedlots



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
VETERINARY SERVICES

REPORT OF ANIMALS, POULTRY OR EGGS OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION

NUMBER	UNIT OF MEASURE	SPECIES	BREED	TYPE	AGE	SEX	PURPOSE OF IMPORTATION
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Port of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_

Importer \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*For Delivery to \_\_\_\_\_

Located at \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION OF ANIMALS, POULTRY OR EGGS OFFERED OR IMPORTATION**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY INSPECTED THE HEREON LISTED ANIMALS, POULTRY, OR EGGS OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE AS REPORTED ABOVE, HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE FREE OF EVIDENCE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OR EXPOSURE THERETO, AND OTHERWISE TO HAVE META LL OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF 9 CFR PART 92, AS AMENDED.**

REMARKS

(Date of Issuance)

Veterinary Inspector

\*(As obtained from the importer or the importer's agent)

\*\* (Shipment not to be diverted without permission of port veterinarian)

**ORIGINAL:** Collector of Customs-Port of Entry

**COPIES:** Importer or importer's agent, VS Veterinarian in charge at destination, State livestock sanitary official at destination, retained by office

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
ANIMALS IMPORTED FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER**

**1. PORT OF ENTRY** **ATTACHMENT 3**

**Port Veterinarian** - Complete items 1 through 12. Distribute copies as indicated below.  
**Veterinarian at Destination** - Return Part 3 to Port Veterinarian after completion of items 18 through 22.

**2. ENTRY DATE**

The animals identified below were imported in accordance with Department regulations for shipment to an establishment under your supervision. These animals must be slaughtered as soon as possible after arrival at destination *but not later than two weeks from the "Entry Date"* shown below. Slaughter of these animals must be reported by forwarding a copy of this completed form to the port veterinarian shown in item 12 below.

**3. TO:** (Veterinarian at destination, include Zip Code)

← Mail original to  
(Use window envelope)

**4. NUMBER**

**5. SPECIES OF ANIMALS**

**6. TRUCK (Trailer) LICENSE NUMBER**

**7. RAILROAD CAR NUMBER**

**8. SEAL NUMBERS**

**9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNOR (Zip Code, if any)**

**10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Zip Code)**

**11. SIGNATURE OF PORT VETERINARIAN**

**12. PORT VETERINARIAN (Include Zip Code)**

← Return one completed copy to  
(Use window envelope)

**REPORT OF SLAUGHTER**

This is to certify that, except as noted below, all animals identified above were received and held in pens until slaughter was completed, so as to prevent contact with animals not scheduled for immediate slaughter.

**13. DATE SLAUGHTERED**

**14. REMARKS**

**15. NAME AND ADDRESS OF ESTABLISHMENT (Zip Code)**

**16. SIGNATURE OF ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL**

**17. TITLE**

**ENDORSEMENT AND POST MORTEM REPORT**

**18. TAG NUMBER**

**19. DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL**

**20. TUBERCULOSIS LESIONS**

Insofar as can be determined the above certification with respect to slaughter is true and accurate. Except as noted above, post mortem examination of these animals did not show lesions suggestive of tuberculosis.

**21. SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN AT DESTINATION**

**22. DATE SIGNED**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0579-XXXX. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

OMB CONTROL  
NO.: 0579-XXXX

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE <b>RUMINANTS IMPORTED TO DESIGNATED/APPROVED FEEDLOTS</b>	1. PORT OF ENTRY
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Port Veterinarian - Complete #1 through 12 and attach copy of health certification. Distribute copies as indicated below.	2. ENTRY DATE
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Accredited Veterinarian or other designated individual at the feedlot - complete #13-18 and return original to Port Veterinarian (see #12) within 14 days of receipt of the animals. The animals identified below (official animal identification is on the attached Health Certificate) were imported in accordance with USDA, APHIS regulations for shipment to feedlots and are under your supervision. These animals must remain at this feedlot (see # 9) and sent to slaughter before they are 30 months of age (for cattle, bison) or 12 months of age (for sheep, goats) in a sealed vehicle using VS Form 1-27. Official animal identification cannot be removed from these animals.

3. TO: (Accredited Veterinarian or other designated individual at feedlot (Address, include Phone Number and Zip Code))

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4. NUMBER OF ANIMALS	5. SPECIES OF ANIMALS	6. TRUCK (Trailer) LICENSE NUMBER
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7. SEAL NUMBERS	8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNOR (Include Phone Number and Zip Code)
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9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FEEDLOT (Include Phone Number and Zip Code)	10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Include Phone Number and Zip Code)
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11. SIGNATURE OF PORT VETERINARIAN

12. PORT VETERINARIAN (Include Phone Number and Zip Code)

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← Return the completed original to

**RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT**

This is to certify that, except as noted in #16, all animals identified above and on the attached health certificate were received and will remain at the location in #9 until sent to slaughter. This shipment must be sealed when it arrives at this feedlot. If any official seals are broken or missing, I will immediately contact the Port Veterinarian. Identification of dead animals must be included in #16.

13. DATE RECEIVED	14.
15. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FEEDLOT (Include Phone Number and Zip Code)	a. I observed that all seals listed in #7 were present and intact. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	b. If any listed seals are missing or broken the Port Veterinarian was contacted within 24 hours of receipt. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

16. REMARKS

17. NAME OF DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL (Print)	18. SIGNATURE OF DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL
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**COPY DISTRIBUTIONS:**

- ORIGINAL: To accompany shipment to feedlot
- COPY: Retained by port

- COPY: Retained by feedlot
- COPY: AVIC
- COPY: State Veterinarian

VETERINARY SERVICES MEMORANDUM NO. 591.15

Subject: Importation of Restricted Animals From  
Canada and Mexico for Immediate Slaughter

To: Directors, VS Regions

Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS

Port Veterinarians, VS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Memorandum is to outline provisions for an agreement between plant management and Veterinary Services (VS) for the approval of slaughtering establishments to handle untested Canadian and Mexican animals (hereafter referred to as restricted animals) for immediate slaughter as provided in Part 92, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR). The list of approved slaughter establishments is available through the Import-Export Animals Staff (IEAS), Hyattsville, Maryland.

II. CANCELLATION

VS. Memorandum No. 591.15, dated October 20, 1986, is hereby canceled.

III. GENERAL

The proper handling of restricted animals is necessary to prevent their disseminating livestock diseases, to ensure their slaughter within 2 weeks from the date they entered this country, and to provide for a system of reporting lesions of tuberculosis found on postmortem. The provisions of this Memorandum apply only to the importation of untested animals imported from Canada or Mexico for immediate slaughter.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AREA VETERINARIAN IN CHARGE (AVIC)

A. An establishment desiring to receive restricted animals for slaughter may be approved by the AVIC, VS of the state where the plant is located following submission of a request for such approval and completion of an inspection to determine that the establishment meets the requirements of the Memorandum

A user fee shall be assessed for the initial inspection and for annual renewals in accordance with 9 CFR 130.8 and the VS User Fee Operating Procedures Manual

B. VS form 17-36, Inspection Report of Establishment for Immediate Slaughter of Import Animals, shall be completed and signed by the Federal inspector conducting the inspection of the facilities at the establishment. The original of the inspection report shall be kept in the AVIC's station files. A copy of the report and this Memorandum will be given to the designated responsible establishment official and to the meat inspection office providing service to the approve plant.

A copy of the inspection report also will be sent through the Director, VS Region, to IEAS, Hyattsville, Maryland. This form shall be sent by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following inspection.

C. Establishments eligible for approval shall have scheduled fulltime Federal or State veterinary inspection.

D. For approval to ship by rail, interstate shipments must be able to reach the destination from the port of entry within the provision of the 28-hour law without unloading en route.

E. Approval may be granted by the AVIC after an inspection report is received, indicating the establishment meets each of the requirements of the Memorandum, and that the VS Form 17-36 is signed by a representative of the plant management authorized to certify that all conditions for approval are met.

F. Semiannual visits to approved establishments are to be made to check for compliance with the requirements outlined in this memorandum. Changes in the name of the establishment, its management, or operating procedures affecting the agreement should be noted and handled in accordance with paragraph III B. of the agreement (Note. The WBBS work reporting unit for this activity is 442-06, Approved Slaughtering Establishments Inspected.)

G. Failure of an approved establishment to comply with the requirements outline in this Memorandum will be cause to suspend the approval of the establishment to receive further shipments of restricted animals for slaughter.

H. Approved removal shall be by letter from the AVIC to the slaughtering establishment, indicating the reasons for removal. A copy of the letter shall be immediately forwarded through the appropriate Director, VS Region, to the IEAS so that the designated slaughtering establishment can be deleted from the listing.

I. Upon granting or suspending approval of an establishment, the AVIC must immediately notify the ports of entry designated on VS Form 17-36 of the approval or suspension of approval of the establishment.

## V. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PORT VETERINARIAN

A. The VS port veterinarian shall make certain that all trucks or trailers used in transporting these animals to the slaughtering establishment are sealed prior to departure from the U.S. port of entry. The driver or conductor shall be advised that these seals may only be broken at destination and only be VS personnel or plant personnel authorized by VS.

B. Only trucks or trailers capable of being sealed shall be used to transport these shipments.

C. When restricted animals must be unloaded or the USDA seals broken because of unforeseen emergencies such as defective equipment, accidents, or adverse weather conditions, the carrier shall immediately notify the port veterinarian, giving sufficient information to identify the shipment and establish its location in order the VS may take appropriate action to prevent contact or exposure of domestic livestock.

D. Animals imported for immediate slaughter from Mexico shall meet the requirements of 9 CFR, Part 92. Only approved brands of coumaphos (Co-Ral) may be used for the precautionary dipping of horses.

On VS Form 17-30, under the remarks section, it should state: No withholding period is required for cattle or horses. (Note: For horses, Delnav requires a holding period of 21 days; thus, animals dipped in this tickicide could not be slaughtered within the specific 2-week period as required in Section VI. Paragraph E. below.)

#### VI. Eligibility requirements for slaughtering establishments

Slaughtering establishments eligible for receipt of restricted animals must meet the following requirements:

A. USDA seals applied to the truck or trailer used in transporting the animals at the port of entry must be broken either at the approved receiving establishment only by the designated plant employee or a Federal meat inspector during his scheduled working hours or at a nonfederally inspected slaughtering establishment by a State inspector during hours that have been previously agreed upon.

B. An establishment may designate plant employees to break USDA seals outside the regular working hours of assigned USDA inspectors under the following conditions:

1. The receiving establishments shall name one representative and one alternate who shall be responsible for breaking the seals and for the proper handling of restricted animals during unloading and the declared destination. The establishment representative shall cooperate with the assigned State or Federal veterinary meat inspector in maintaining records of the sealed shipments received.

2. Designated employees shall be approved by the Federal or State meat inspector assigned to the plant.

C. The restricted animals shall be hauled directly to and unloaded into the establishment's holding pens specifically designated and marked for such animals. No animals shall be removed from these pens unless authorized by a State or Federal veterinary inspector.

D. Restricted animals shall be handled by the approved slaughtering establishment in single-load units and placed only in the designated pens. Each load of animals from a specific railroad car, truck, or trailer, shall be maintained intact until final disposition in order to facilitate identification and slaughtering of the animals, as well as the preparation of the reports.

E. All restricted animals shall be slaughtered or rendered within 2 weeks from the date of entry into the United States. No live, restricted animals shall be permitted to leave the premises of the approved receiving establishments.

F. All U.S. livestock entering the premises while live, restricted animals are present shall either be slaughtered or rendered, or the establishment will need to obtain permission from the AVIC for each specific movement from the premises.

/s/

Donald W. Luchsinger

Acting Deputy Administrator

Veterinary Services

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Feedlot Owner/Operator  
Feedlot Name  
Any Street  
City, State Zip

Dear Feedlot Operator:

In response to your interest in having your premises approved as a designated feedlot for the importation of Canadian sheep or goats for feeding, I am enclosing an agreement entitled "Designated Feedlot Agreement for Importation of Canadian Sheep or Goats for Feeding." Please complete, sign, and return the agreement to the following address:

AVIC  
USDA, APHIS, VS  
Any Street  
City, State Zip

Once this form has been received, arrangements will be made with you to inspect your premises. At that time, we will review the guidelines, the agreement, and the inspection report, and answer any questions you may have. A user fee will be assessed for the inspection and will be based on an hourly rate.

You should obtain a Scrapie Program Premises Identification Number. In the event that an official Canadian eartag is lost or removed as a medical necessity, you must replace it with a Blue Slaughter tag that is cross-referenced in your records with the Canadian tag. In order to obtain tags, contact the Scrapie Program Manager in your State at 1-800-USDA-TAG.

Sincerely,

AVIC  
Area Veterinarian in Charge  
Veterinary Services

Enclosure: Designated Feedlot Agreement



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**DESIGNATED FEEDLOT AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPORTATION  
OF CANADIAN SHEEP OR GOATS FOR FEEDING**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
[Owner name, printed]

Owner of \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of feedlot, printed] [Telephone Number]

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Owner mailing address]

hereby agree to maintain and operate my feedlot located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Printed physical address of the feedlot and telephone number of feedlot]

in accordance with the applicable provisions of Title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations*, (9 CFR), section 93 and this agreement.

**Cooperation**

I agree to grant access to the feedlot and records required to be kept in accordance with this agreement to State and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) representatives during normal business hours to evaluate whether my feedlot and its operations are in compliance with the applicable provisions of this agreement and 9 CFR 93.

I agree to immediately notify State or APHIS authorities, or an accredited veterinarian if I discover, suspect, or have reason to believe that any livestock or deadstock presented at my feedlot is either affected by, exposed to, or shows signs of possibly being affected by or exposed to any program, emerging, or foreign animal disease.

I agree to provide safe and appropriate facilities and equipment for handling sheep and goats, make the animals available, and provide access to State or APHIS representatives to collect any samples needed.

I agree to allow State or APHIS representatives to review and copy records, record the identification of individual animals, and retain or photograph any external or internal identification.

**Movement to the designated feedlot**

The imported sheep or goats will be moved directly from the U.S. port of entry (POE) to the designated feedlot in accordance with 9 CFR 93.403, 93.419, and 93.436 and will be accompanied from the POE to the designated feedlot by VS Form 17-30 and VS Form 17-130 or other movement documentation deemed acceptable by the Administrator, which must identify the physical location of the feedlot, the individual responsible for the movement of the animals, and the individual identification of each animal, which includes the eartag required under paragraph 93.403(d)(2) and any other identification present on the animal, including registration number, if any.

The official seals of the national government of the region of export or those applied by APHIS representatives at the POE are broken only at the designated feedlot by a State or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) representative, an accredited veterinarian, or his/her designee (i.e., an employee of the accredited veterinarian). If the seals are not intact upon arrival at the designated feedlot, I agree to immediately notify the U.S. port veterinarian.

Canadian sheep or goats must be segregated from and cannot be commingled with U.S. origin sheep or goats.

**Movement to the recognized slaughter plant**

The animals must remain at the designated feedlot until transported to a recognized slaughter establishment. The animals must be moved directly to the recognized slaughter establishment in a vehicle sealed with seals of the U.S. Government by an accredited veterinarian or a State or APHIS representative. The seals must be broken only at the recognized slaughter establishment by a USDA representative.

The animals must be accompanied to the recognized slaughtering establishment by VS Form 1-27 or other documentation deemed acceptable by the APHIS Administrator, which must identify the physical location of the recognized slaughtering establishment, the individual responsible for the movement of the animals, and the individual identification of each animal, which includes the eartag required under paragraph 93.419.(d)(2) of this section and any other identification present on the animal, including registration number, if any. A copy of the Canadian health certificate must be attached to the VS Form 1-27.

I understand that the animals must be less than 12 months of age when slaughtered.

**Identification**

The sheep and goats must be permanently and humanely identified before arrival at the POE with a distinct and legible "C" mark, properly applied with a freeze brand, hot iron, or other method, and easily visible on the live animal and on the carcass before skinning. The mark must be not less than 1 inch high. Other means of permanent identification may be used upon request if deemed adequate by the APHIS Administrator to permanently identify the animal in a humane, distinct, and legible way as having been imported from Canada.

I agree to monitor to ensure that all imported feeder animals have the required “C” brand and to immediately notify the U.S. port veterinarian and the APHIS representative if the “C” brand is missing.

Each sheep and goat must be individually identified by an official Canadian Food Inspection Agency eartag, applied before the animal’s entry into the United States, that is determined by the Administrator to meet standards equivalent to those for official eartags in the United States as defined in 9 CFR 71.1 and to be traceable to the premises of origin of the animal. No person may alter, deface, remove, or otherwise tamper with the individual identification while the animal is in the United States or moving into or through the United States, except that the identification may be removed at the time of slaughter as defined in 9 CFR 93.403.

I agree that eartags will not be removed unless medically necessary, in which case another eartag or other form of official identification will be applied and cross-referenced in the records.

### **Records**

I agree to maintain records of the acquisition and disposition of all imported sheep and goats entering the feedlot, including the Canadian Food Inspection Agency identification tag number and all other identifying information, the age in months of each animal, the date each animal was acquired and the date each animal was shipped to slaughter, and the name and location of the plant where each animal was slaughtered. For Canadian animals that die in the feedlot, the feedlot will remove its eartag and place it in a file along with a record of the disposition of the carcass.

I agree to maintain copies of the APHIS Forms 17-130 and VS 1-27 or other movement documentation deemed acceptable by the Administrator issued for incoming animals and for animals moved to slaughter that list the official identification of each animal. Records will be kept for at least 5 years.

### **Cleaning and Disinfection**

I agree that the feedlot, including all yards, docks, pens, alleys, chutes, scales, means of conveyance, and their associated equipment, must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. In addition, I agree to maintain an adequate supply of disinfectant and serviceable equipment for cleaning and disinfection.

### **Listing of the Designated Feedlot**

I request approval for my facility to operate as a designated feedlot for sheep and goats to be imported from Canada. I agree to allow State and APHIS representatives access to inspect my premises and animals, collect samples, and review inventory records and other required documents upon request at this feedlot without cost to the United States.

I acknowledge the receipt of a copy of **9 CFR Part 93.420** and acknowledge that I have been informed and understand that failure to abide by the provisions of this agreement and the

applicable provisions of **9 CFR, Part 93.420** constitutes a basis for the withdrawal of this listing as a designated feedlot.

I agree to notify the Area Veterinarian in Charge in a timely manner if I sell my feedlot.

Requesting Feedlot Owner

<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Signature of Feedlot Owner</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Pre-approval inspection of feedlot facility conducted by: [attach copy of inspection report]

<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Signature of Inspecting Official</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Recommend approval:

<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Signature of Area Veterinarian in Charge</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Approved:

<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Signature of NCIE Approving Official</i>	<i>Date</i>
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<b>Identification</b>	Canadian feeder stock have the "C" mark, properly applied with a freeze brand, hot iron, or other methods, and is easily visible on the live animal and on the carcass before skinning; or another means of approved permanent identification was used.	
	Each feeder sheep and goat from Canada is individually identified by an official Canadian Food Inspection Agency eartag, applied before the animal's entry into the United States.	
	Eartags are not removed unless medically necessary. In such cases, and in cases where eartags are otherwise detached from the animal, an official scrapie program eartag assigned to the feedlot for this purpose or another form of official identification is applied. The new eartag identification was cross-referenced in the designated feedlot's records to enable matching with the original eartag.	
<b>Movement Requirements</b>	The animals are moved from the U.S. port of entry directly to the designated feedlot in accordance with regulations and were accompanied from the port of entry to the designated feedlot by VS Form 17-130 or other movement documentation deemed acceptable by the Administrator. NOTE: If another document was used, this document must identify the physical location of the feedlot, the individual responsible for the movement of the animals, and the individual identification of each animal, which includes the eartag requirements as well as any other identification present on the animal, including registration number, if any.	
	The seals of the national government of the region of export or the USDA seals applied at the port are broken only at the designated feedlot by a State or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) representative, an accredited veterinarian, or his/her designee (i.e., an employee of the accredited veterinarian).	
	The animals remain at the designated feedlot until transport to a recognized slaughter establishment. The animals were moved directly to the recognized slaughter establishment in a means of conveyance sealed with seals of the U.S. Government by an accredited veterinarian or a State or USDA representative.	
	VS Form 1-27 or other documentation deemed acceptable by the Administrator, and a copy of the Canadian health certificate, accompanied the animal(s) to the slaughtering establishment.	
	Either the entire feedlot or pens within the feedlot have been designated as terminal; where all sheep and goats housed are moved only directly to slaughter at less than 12 months of age.	
	Inventory was reconciled with the feedlot records.	
<b>Sanitation:</b>	Facility is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.	
<b>Remarks:</b>		

Name of Feedlot operator or representative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Name of Inspector: Circle: State or Federal

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date