



Ovine Embryos to the United States of America (Guidance)

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Guidance Document

1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany *Ovine Embryos to the United States of America (OMAR)*, dated 10 September 2020. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.

2 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) With regard to clause 2.1, only the time period that applies to the embryo donor(s) should be left without strikeout. If a consignment contains embryo donor(s) that meet both periods no strikeout should be applied, and the applicable period should be specified for each embryo donor(s) in a schedule.

The list of countries recognised by the USDA as free of FMD is located at the following link:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-status-of-regions>

- (2) With regard to sub clause 3.5.1, the embryo team should keep a record(s) to show that the semen used to fertilise the embryo(s) for export to the United States of America met all of the requirements to be eligible for export to the United States of America. This should preferably be in the form of a veterinary certificate(s) or transfer certificate(s) issued by the semen centre veterinarian(s) of the collecting semen centre(s) (for NZ origin semen) or official veterinarian(s) of the country(ies) of origin (imported semen). Note, documentation may be requested by APHIS to confirm eligibility of semen to meet qualifications for export to the U.S.

3 Additional information

- (1) The import permit can be obtained from the:

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
Veterinary Services (VS)
Strategy & Policy (S&P)
4700 River Road, Unit 39
Riverdale, MD 20737-1231

Telephone: (301) 851-3300, Option 2
Fax: (301) 734-4704

Web Site: [APHIS Imports](#)

The application, VS Form 17-129, "Application for Import or in Transit Permit," may be obtained by writing or telephoning S&P, or by downloading it from the APHIS web site: [Animal Health Permits](#)

- (2) The zoosanitary conditions specified on the import permit may vary from the zoosanitary certificate.
- (3) The shipment must be routed direct to the United States with no stops en route other than those provided for on the USDA import permit.

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