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CAYMAN ISLANDS

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF FEMALE CATTLE AND IMMATURE BULLS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

A. PERMIT TO IMPORT

All cattle entering The Cayman islands must be accompanied by an **Import Permit** issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture.

The animals must be accompanied by an Official Health Certificate issued by an official veterinarian employed full time by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported.

Animal(s) must not depart the country of export until these documents are on hand.

Animal(s) not accompanied by these documents will not be permitted to enter the Cayman Islands, and may be returned to the Country of Origin or destroyed upon ineligible entry.

Completed application forms must be submitted to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture prior to the commencement of a **30 day minimum quarantine** (which must take place at a Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture pre-approved location) and export testing.

All correspondence and copies of supporting documents for consideration must be sent to:

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| Mailing Address: Veterinary Services Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 459 Grand Cayman KY1-1106 Cayman Islands | Physical address: 181 Lottery Road, Lower Valley Bodden Town, Grand Cayman | Tel: (345) 947-3090 Email: CI.Agriculturevs@gov.ky |
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B. GENERAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

1. Cattle are eligible for entry into the Cayman Islands provided:
 - a. They were born after August 1997, the date of the enforcement of a ban on feeding of ruminant protein (excluding dairy products) to ruminants.
 - b. They originate from herds where Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) has not been confirmed for a period of at least seven (7) years.
 - c. They are not the progeny of a BSE suspect or confirmed female.
2. The animals must be identified with an identification system (i.e. ear tag, brand, or microchip) which allows them to be traced back to the dam and the herd of origin.

3. Animals must be imported into the Cayman Islands directly from the United States. On arrival at the George Town Seaport or Owen Roberts Airport, (which shall be the sole ports of entry), the animals shall be examined by an inspector, who, at his/her discretion, may refuse permission for the animal(s) to be landed, or destroy the animal(s) upon ineligible entry.
4. The health certificate must be issued within fourteen (14) days of arrival.
5. Fodder or litter imported with the animals will be discarded at the Port of entry and will not be permitted to be transported with the animal.
6. These requirements are to be used for **female cattle of any age and for bulls less than nine months of age.**

The **application fee** in the amount of **CI\$50 (US\$61)** per consignment may be in the form of Cayman Islands cash, cheque drawn on a local Cayman Islands bank, international money order or a cashier's cheque drawn from a US bank payable to the **Cayman Islands Government**.

C. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

The import health certificate must contain the following statements:

1. The United States is free of Foot-and-mouth disease, Rinderpest, Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, Lumpy skin disease, and Rift Valley fever.
2. The animals are in good health, physically sound, and free from signs of infectious disease.
3. [If not tested] In lieu of testing for Leptospirosis, the animals were treated prophylactically with _____, an approved antibiotic* that has been shown to be effective against Leptospirosis, on [date] _____, which is within one week of embarkation. (*The drug withdrawal period should be clearly indicated on the health certificate*)
OR
[If not tested] In lieu of testing for Leptospirosis, the animals were vaccinated with _____ [product] on _____ [date], which is within 15 and 120 days before shipment.

****The Government of the Cayman Islands allows the use of approved antibiotics, which include streptomycin, oxytetracycline (at least two doses) and long-acting oxytetracycline (two doses).***

4. The animals originated from herds clinically free of Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis/ Infectious Pustular Vulvovaginitis (IBR/IPV) and were vaccinated with an inactivated virus vaccine not less than one month and not more than six months before shipment. (*Name of product and date of vaccination must appear on the health certificate*)
(*If this certification cannot be met then the animals must be tested as required under test requirements D (4) below.*)
5. The herd of origin is free of herd of origin is free of clinical cases of Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD), Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (EBL), Tuberculosis (TB), Brucellosis, Bovine Genital Campylobacteriosis (STD), and Trichomoniasis (STD), and there has been no history of clinical cases in the herd for the previous twelve months.

6. The animal(s) originated from herds in areas in which there have been no clinical reports of Bluetongue during the previous two years.
7. The animal(s) originated from herds in areas in which there have been no clinical reports of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in cattle, and there has been no history of clinical cases in the herd for the previous twelve (12) months.
8. The animal(s) were treated with _____ [product], an acaricidal agent having residual action against ticks*, mites, and lice on _____ [date], which is between 7 and 14 days prior to shipment. *(The drug withdrawal period should be clearly indicated on the health certificate)*

****Any shipment containing animals infested with ticks, particularly of the Amblyomma species will be denied entry into the Cayman Islands.***

9. The animals were treated for internal parasites (including liver flukes) with _____ [product] on _____ [date], which is between 7 and 14 days prior to shipment. *(The drug withdrawal period should be clearly indicated on the health certificate)*
10. The animals were born after the date of enforcement of a ban on feeding of ruminant proteins (excluding dairy products) to ruminants (August 1997). They originated from farms reporting no clinical evidence of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) for a period of at least seven (7) years. They are not the progeny of a BSE suspect or confirmed female and are identified with an identification system which allows them to be traced back to their dam and herd of origin.
11. The animals for export were held in a quarantine facility under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian, and acceptable to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture, for a minimum of 30 days prior to export, and were transported directly from the quarantine facility to the port of embarkation.

D. TEST REQUIREMENTS

While in quarantine, the animal(s) must be tested within 30 days of embarkation to the Cayman Islands, with negative results for the following diseases:

1. **Tuberculosis:** Delayed hypersensitivity test with PPD bovine tuberculin.
2. **Brucellosis:** Buffered plate agglutination test (BBAT) or Complement fixation test (CF) or ELISA or the Florescence Polarization test (FPA). Official vaccination must be noted on the health certificate.

*Test options include serum agglutination by 8% card, standard plate test at 1:50 dilution, Buffered Acidified Plate Antigen test (BAPA)

3. **Leptospirosis:** Microtiter agglutination test (MAT) at 1:100 dilution (minimum) for *L. pomona*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, and *L. canicola*.
[Or provide one optional certification statement (see Certification Statement No. 3) either with regard to prophylactic treatment or to vaccination.]

4. **IBR/IPV*:** Serum neutralization test at 1:2, or ELISA test or PCR
5. **Enzootic Bovine Leukosis:** AGID test or ELISA test
6. **Bluetongue:** ELISA or RT-PCR; animals testing positive by ELISA must be determined negative by PCR to be eligible for export
7. **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI):** PCR testing of milk samples for all lactating dairy cattle within 7 days prior to export; Lactating cattle testing positive by this test must complete a 30-day waiting period before a retest can be performed to determine eligibility for export.
8. **Campylobacteriosis and Trichomoniasis:**

The shipment contains only female cattle and/or immature virgin bulls, therefore they are exempt from requirements for testing for campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis

E. EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Official Health Certificate, 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 and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 48 hours of exportation.



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APPLICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE (FEMALES AND IMMATURE MALES)
FROM THE USA INTO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Application Date: _____

Origin of Animals: _____

Consignor (Sender): _____

Consignee (Receiver): _____

Pre-Approved
Quarantine facility Address: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Telephone number: _____ (ph) _____ (cell)

Date of entry into quarantine: _____

Date of Export Departure/Arrival: _____ / _____

Method of Transport: _____

Please submit identifying sheet along with the completed application form.

Signature of Importer: _____ Date: _____

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CAYMAN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Identification Sheet for Cattle (females and immature Males) from the USA into the Cayman Islands

Identification of the animal/s

| COUNT | ID # | DOB | SEX | BREED | Marks and Descriptions | Comments |
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