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The [Ghana Food and Drugs Authority](#) (Ghana FDA) oversees certification requirements for all food and agricultural imports.¹ Depending on the nature of the product, the Ghana FDA collaborates with the relevant directorates under the [Ministry of Food and Agriculture](#) (MOFA), such as the Veterinary Services Directorate (VSD), and the Animal Production Directorate (APD), in accepting veterinary health certificates issued by the USDA/[Animal Plant Health Inspection Service](#) (APHIS).² The Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate (PPRSD) accepts export certificate of wholesomeness issued by the USDA/[Food Safety Inspection Service](#) (FSIS).³ The [Ghana Standards Authority](#) (Ghana SA) sets these standards, which are enforced by the Ghana FDA.⁴

FAS Accra counsels prospective U.S. exporters to maintain strict alignment with the statutory frameworks enforced by Ghana’s regulatory authorities, with specific emphasis on product certification protocols. All imported food and agricultural commodities must strictly adhere to Ghana’s sanitary, phytosanitary, and public health regulations. Legal liability for compliance rests solely with the importing entity. Mandated export documentation must contain formal attestations, including precise certification statements, accredited laboratory analyses, and validated embarkation declarations. Furthermore, prior to commercial distribution within the Ghanaian market, all food products, irrespective of country-of-origin, require mandatory registration with the Ghana Food and Drugs Authority.

¹ See, Ghana Food and Drugs Authority (Ghana FDA), located at: <https://fdaghana.gov.gh/>.

² See, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) located at: <http://www.mofa.gov.gh/site> and or <https://www.facebook.com/mofagovgh/>. See, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), located at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/live-animal-export/export-live-animals-ghana>.

³ See, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/import-export-library/ghana>.

⁴ See, the Ghana Standards Authority (Ghana SA), located at: <https://gsa.gov.gh/>.

SECTION I: LIST OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY GHANA (MATRIX)

Export Certificates Matrix

Product(s)	Title of the Certificate	Attestation Required on the Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Poultry and Poultry Products	Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Form 9060-5--Export Certificate of Wholesomeness	See, Section II and Certificate #1 in Appendix I	Certify exporting country free from avian influenza.	MOFA (VSD)/ Ghana FDA
Beef and Beef Products	FSIS Form 9060-5--Export Certificate of Wholesomeness	See, Section II and Certificate #2 in Appendix I	Food Safety	MOFA (VSD)/ Ghana FDA
Pork and Pork Products	FSIS Form 9060-5--Export Certificate of Wholesomeness	See, Section II and Certificate #2 in Appendix I	Food Safety	MOFA (VSD)/ Ghana FDA
Lamb and Lamb Products	FSIS Form 9060-5--Export Certificate of Wholesomeness	See, Section II and Certificate #2 in Appendix I	Food Safety	MOFA (VSD)/ Ghana FDA
Goat and Goat Products	FSIS Form 9060-5--Export Certificate of Wholesomeness	See, Section II and Certificate #2 in Appendix I	Food Safety	MOFA (VSD)/ Ghana FDA
Live Poultry, Day-old Chicks and Hatching Eggs	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) VS Form 17-6 Certificate for Poultry or Hatching Eggs for Export	See, Section II and Certificate #3 in Appendix I	Animal Health/ Sanitary	MOFA (APD/ VSD)
Live Animals, Bovine	APHIS VS Form 17-37 Certificate of Inspection for Export of Cattle/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate	See, Section II and Certificate #4 in Appendix I	Animal Health/ Sanitary	MOFA (APD/ VSD)
Bovine Semen	APHIS VS Form 17-37 Certificate of Inspection for Export of Bovine Semen/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate	See, Section II and Certificate #5 in Appendix I	Health/ Sanitary	MOFA (APD/ VSD)
Bovine Embryos	APHIS VS Form 17-37 Certificate of Inspection for export of Bovine embryos/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate	See, Section II and Certificate #6 in Appendix I	Health/ Sanitary	MOFA (APD/ VSD)
Live Animals/ Sheep and Goats	APHIS VS Form 17-37 Certificate of Inspection for Export of Sheep and Goats/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate	See, Section II and Certificate #7 in Appendix I	Animal Health/ Sanitary	MOFA (APD/ VSD)
Ovine and Caprine Semen	APHIS VS Form 17-37 Certificate of Inspection for Export of Ovine and Caprine Semen/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate	See, Section II and Certificate #8 in Appendix I	Health/ Sanitary	MOFA (APD/ VSD)
Ovine and Caprine Embryos	APHIS VS Form 17-37 Certificate of Inspection for Export of Ovine and Caprine embryos/U.S.-origin Health Certificate	See, Section II and Certificate #9 in Appendix I	Health/ Sanitary	MOFA (APD/ VSD)
Plant and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Certificate	See, Section II	Phytosanitary	MOFA (PPRSD)

SECTION II: SPECIFIC ATTESTATIONS REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATE(S)

Product (s)	Certificate Name	Required Attestation(s)
Poultry and Poultry Products	An FSIS Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS Form 9060-5) must accompany all U.S. poultry and poultry products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ghana Standards Authority (Ghana SA) requires the maximum fat content standard for poultry to be fifteen (15) percent. Exporters must ensure that the health certificate accompanying all poultry shipments to Ghana includes the following statement: <i>"Fat content is 15% or less"</i> and meets all requirements as described on the import permit. FSIS personnel should not sign this statement. This statement should be supported by fat analysis performed in a USDA certified laboratory.
Beef and Beef Products	An FSIS Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS 9060-5) must accompany all U.S. beef and beef products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ghana SA requires the maximum fat content standard for beef and beef products should not be more than twenty-five (25) percent. Exporters must ensure that the health certificate accompanying all beef and beef products shipments to Ghana includes the following statement: <i>"Fat content should not be more than 25%"</i> and meets all requirements as described on the import permit. FSIS personnel should not sign this statement. This statement should be supported by fat analysis performed in a USDA certified laboratory.
Pork and Pork Products	An FSIS Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS 9060-5) must accompany all U.S. beef and beef products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ghana SA requires the maximum fat content standard for beef and beef products should not be more than twenty-five (25) percent. Exporters must ensure that the health certificate accompanying all beef and beef products shipments to Ghana includes the following statement: <i>"Fat content should not be more than 25%"</i> and meets all requirements as described on the import permit. FSIS personnel should not sign this statement. This statement should be supported by fat analysis performed in a USDA certified laboratory.
Lamb and Lamb Products	An FSIS Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS 9060-5).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ghana SA requires the maximum fat content standard for beef and beef products should not be more than twenty-five (25) percent. Exporters must ensure that the health certificate accompanying all beef and beef products shipments to Ghana includes the following statement: <i>"Fat content should not be more than 25%"</i> and meets all requirements as described on the import permit. FSIS personnel should not sign this statement. This statement should be supported by fat analysis performed in a USDA certified laboratory.
Goat and Goat Products	An FSIS Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness (FSIS 9060-5).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ghana SA requires the maximum fat content standard for beef and beef products should not be more than twenty-five (25) percent. Exporters must ensure that the health certificate accompanying all beef and beef products shipments to Ghana includes the following statement: <i>"Fat content should not be more than 25%"</i> and meets all requirements as described on the import permit. FSIS personnel should not sign this statement. This statement should be supported by fat analysis performed in a USDA certified laboratory.
Live Birds/ Day-old Chicks/ Hatching	Certificate for Poultry or Hatching Eggs for Export" (VS Form 17-6).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The birds show no clinical sign of diseases. The birds come from establishments and/or hatcheries which are regularly inspected by the veterinary authority. The Veterinary Authority at the point of embarkation should issue the

Eggs		health certificate accompanying all live fowl, day-old chick and/or hatching eggs shortly before shipment.
Live Animals/ Bovine	An APHIS Certificate of Inspections of Export Animals and/or a U.S. origin Health Certificate. Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals /U.S.-origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-37).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and foot and mouth disease. • The United States is recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) as a country with negligible risk of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).⁵ • The State(s) of Origin has been free of clinical cases brucellosis and tuberculosis for the last 12-months prior to export. • The Herd of Origin has been free of clinical cases of bovine leucosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis for the last 12-months prior to export. • The animals were isolated for at least 21-days immediately prior to export, in a facility approved by a USDA accredited veterinarian. • The animals were inspected within 21-days prior to export and found to be free from clinical evidence of communicable diseases. <p><i>Test Requirements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cattle must show negative results for the diseases listed below (mark through the non-applicable testing option): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuberculosis: Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin. - Brucellosis OR other test accepted by USDA Test date(s). Complement fixation test at a 1:10 dilution OR buffered Brucella antigen test (i.e., card test) OR Enzyme- linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or standard tube test OR plate agglutination test at a 1:50 dilution. Test date(s).
Bovine Semen	Health Certificate for Inspection of Export of Semen/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-37).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and Rift Valley fever, without vaccination. • The semen collection center has been free of clinical cases of brucellosis and tuberculosis during the thirty (30) prior to commencement, until conclusion of, semen collection for export. • The semen collection center has been free of clinical cases of campylobacteriosis, trichomoniasis, and leptospirosis during the thirty (30) days prior to commencement, until conclusion of, semen collection for export. • Donor animals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Were continuous residents in the United States either for a minimum of sixty (60) days immediately preceding collection of the semen for export or have been resident since birth. b. Were identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA. c. Where not resident in any establishment that is subject to quarantine

⁵ In May 2003, the *Office International des Epizooties* (OIE) (founded in 1924), adopted the common name World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). An intergovernmental organization, it focuses on transparently disseminating information on animal diseases, improving animal health globally and aiming to build a safer, healthier and more sustainable world. See, World Organisation for Animal Health, located at: <https://www.woah.org/en/who-we-are/>.

		<p>restrictions due to diagnosed diseases which affect cattle, for at least the ninety (90) days before the first semen collection for this consignment through completion of the testing of the donors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. On the day(s) of collection the donor did not show any clinical evidence of infectious diseases transmissible in semen. e. These were not used for natural mating and were isolated from animals not of equivalent health status since arriving at the semen collection center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The semen for exports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Was collected, processed, and stored at an approved semen collection center in a manner that is acceptable to the USDA, and is under the supervision of the USDA Accredited Veterinarian. b. Is sealed in straws or vials that are clearly and permanently marked to identify the donor and the date(s) of collection. c. Were frozen in fresh liquid nitrogen or liquid nitrogen vapor and then stored in cleaned and disinfected tanks or new containers, under strict hygienic conditions. d. Will be shipped in cryogenic containers sealed by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian, prior to shipment. <p><i>Test Requirements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each donor animal should test negative for the following diseases within six (6) months prior to or six (6) months after collection, unless otherwise specified below, in a laboratory acceptable to APHIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tuberculosis: Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin OR other test accepted by USDA. b. Brucellosis1: Complement fixation test at a 1:10 dilution OR buffered Brucella antigen test (i.e., card test) OR enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) OR fluorescent polarization assay (FPA) OR standard tube test or standard plate agglutination test at 1:50 dilution OR other test accepted by USDA.
<p>Bovine Embryos</p>	<p>Health Certificate for Inspection of Export Embryo/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-37).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and Rift Valley fever, without vaccination. • The embryos were collected on a premises which has been free of clinical cases of brucellosis and tuberculosis during the thirty (30) days prior to commencement, until conclusion of collection of embryos for export. • The embryos were collected on a premises which has been free of clinical cases of bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), campylobacteriosis, trichomoniasis, and leptospirosis, during the thirty (30) days prior to commencement, until conclusion of, embryo collection for export. • Donor animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Were continuous residents in the United States either for a minimum of sixty (60) days immediately preceding collection of the embryos for export or have been resident since birth.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Were identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA. c. Where not resident in any establishment that is subject to quarantine restrictions due to diseases which affect cattle for at least the ninety (90) days before embryo collection for this consignment, until completion of the testing of the donors. d. Originate from states officially free of tuberculosis and brucellosis. e. On the day(s) of collection the donor did not show any clinical evidence of infectious diseases transmissible via embryos. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embryos for exports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Were produced with semen that meets the import health requirements of the importing country, or the Certified Semen Services (CSS), or equivalent. b. Were collected by an embryo collection team approved by USDA APHIS, annually. c. Were collected, processed, and stored in accordance with the procedures established by the International Embryo Technology Society (IETS). d. Are sealed in straws or vials that are clearly and permanently marked to identify the donor and the date(s) of collection. e. Are stored in the frozen state for at least thirty (30) days after collection before shipment, and during this time, the donors, and all animals in contact with them, have remained free from any diseases transmissible via embryos. f. Were frozen in fresh liquid nitrogen or other cryoprotectant and then stored in cleaned and disinfected tanks or new containers, under strict hygienic conditions. g. Were sealed in liquid nitrogen tanks prior to shipment.
Live Animals/ Sheep and Goats	An APHIS Certificate of Inspections of Export Animals and/or a U.S.-origin Health Certificate. Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-37).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and foot-and-mouth disease. • The United States is recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) as a country with negligible risk of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). • The State(s) of Origin has been free of clinical cases brucellosis and tuberculosis for the last twelve (12) months prior to export. • The Herd of Origin has been free of clinical cases of bovine leucosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis for the last twelve (12) months prior to export. • The animals were isolated for at least twenty-one (21) days immediately prior to export, in a facility approved by a USDA accredited veterinarian. • The animals were inspected within twenty-one (21) days prior to export and found to be free from clinical evidence of communicable diseases.
Ovine and Caprine Semen	Health Certificate for Inspection of Export of Semen/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-37).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, <i>peste des petites</i> ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and Rift Valley fever, in accordance with the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code. • The donor animals were born or legally imported into the United States. • During the twelve (12) months prior to collection, the States of origin of the donor animals have not reported/confirmed clinical cases of

		<p>caprine/ovine brucellosis (<i>Brucella melitensis</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the twelve (12) months prior to collection, the farms of origin of the donor animals have been free of clinical cases of scrapie, maedi-visna, caprine arthritis/encephalitis, bluetongue, paratuberculosis, ovine epididymitis, and contagious agalactia. • On the day(s) of collection, all the donor animals were in good health and did not show clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease. • The semen has been diluted using diluents that do not contain pathogenic organisms and to which antibiotics have been added in accordance with WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code recommendations. • The semen straws are individually identified with donor animal and collection identification code. • Semen was stored in containers which were new or cleaned and disinfected with a licensed product. • The shipping containers will be sealed by USDA accredited veterinarian prior to transportation to the port of embarkation. • Semen was not exported prior to the final endorsement of required veterinary health certificate by the competent veterinary authority.
<p>Ovine and Caprine Embryos</p>	<p>Health Certificate for Inspection of Export Embryo/ U.S.-origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-37).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, <i>peste des petites</i> ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and Rift Valley fever, in accordance with the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code. • The donor animals were born or legally imported into the United States. • During the twelve (12) months prior to collection, the States of origin of the donor animals have not reported/confirmed clinical cases of caprine/ovine brucellosis (<i>Brucella melitensis</i>). • During the twelve (12) months prior to embryo creation, the farms of origin of the donor animals have been free of clinical cases of scrapie, maedi-visna, caprine arthritis/encephalitis, bluetongue, paratuberculosis, ovine epididymitis, and contagious agalactia. • Embryos were created using semen that meets the import health requirements of the importing country, or the WOAHA, or equivalent. • On the day(s) of collection, all the donor animals were in good health and did not show clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease. • Embryos were washed at least ten times at a dilution of at least 1/100 between each washing, in accordance with WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code. • The zona pellucida of each embryo, after washing, should be examined over its entire surface area at not less than 50x magnification to ensure that it is intact and free of adherent material. • Embryos were frozen in fresh liquid nitrogen and stored in new or cleaned and disinfected vials or containers containing fresh liquid nitrogen. • Only embryos from a single female donor are packaged together in the same straw. • Straws are individually identified with donor animal and straw identification code. • The shipping containers will be sealed by a USDA accredited veterinarian prior to transportation to the embarkation port.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embryos were not exported prior to the final endorsement of required veterinary health certificate by the competent veterinary authority.
Plants and Plant Products	Phytosanitary Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants and plant products have been inspected and/or tested according to official procedures. Products are free from pests and diseases of concern. Products conform to the current phytosanitary regulations of Ghana.

Pursuant to bilateral trading protocols, all U.S. federally inspected establishments maintain eligibility to export to Ghana. Exporters must verify current eligibility statuses via the FSIS Export Library (Ghana Entry) prior to shipment initiation. Definitive import mandates, statutory conditions, and official exemplars of required veterinary and phytosanitary certificates are accessible via the APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) portal.⁶

SECTION III: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enter the Ghanaian market, all food products irrespective of origin must first be registered with the Ghana FDA. Compliance frameworks restrict importation privileges exclusively to corporate entities formally registered with the Registrar General’s Department.

Every export consignment requires a distinct, original export certificate at the port of entry; a singular certificate cannot be applied across multiple shipments. The Government of Ghana does not recognize supplier or manufacturer self-declarations as valid proof of regulatory compliance, mandating instead formal certification issued by a recognized competent authority.

While an Export Certificate of Free Sale (COFS) is not required for customs clearance, the Ghana FDA requires its submission during the initial product registration process. Furthermore, a Certificate of Analysis must accompany every export consignment to verify compliance with national quality and safety standards.

SECTION IV: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE MARKET ENTRY

Apart from export certificates, food products being imported into Ghana must also meet other requirements including veterinary sanitary requirements and certifications. (See, [GAIN-GHANA | GH2025-0019 | Ghana, FAIRS Country Report Annual - 2025](#)).⁷

⁶ See, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), “Export Library” entry for Ghana, located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/import-export-library/ghana>, as well as the USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “Live Export Animals to Ghana,” located at: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/regionalization/sa by country/sa g/ct animal ghana](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/regionalization/sa%20by%20country/sa%20g/ct%20animal%20ghana).

⁷ See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Accra, “GAIN-GHANA | GH2025-0019 | Ghana, FAIRS Country Report Annual-2024,” located at: [https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS% 20Country% 20Report% 20Annual Accra Ghana GH2025-0019](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=FAIRS%20Country%20Report%20Annual%20Accra%20Ghana%20GH2025-0019).

- **Veterinary Sanitary Requirements and Certificates:** Ghana's MOFA/VSD is responsible for providing veterinary sanitary requirements and certificates for the import and export of live animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products and live birds/day-old chicks/eggs.

Pursuant to national biosecurity frameworks, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) and the Veterinary Services Directorate (VSD) exercise statutory oversight over animal health and import controls through the following mandates:

1. **Import Regulation & Disease Surveillance:** Restrict the importation of live avian and mammalian species exclusively to source nations certified as disease-free by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).
2. **Domestic Movement Controls:** Enforce strict domestic transit permits, restricting the movement of live animals and poultry to clinically healthy specimens to mitigate the risk of disease transmission.
3. **Mandatory Quarantine Procedures:** Subject all live animal imports to compulsory quarantine protocols at designated ports of entry; final market entry is strictly contingent upon a validated finding of satisfactory health status.

Presently, the codified parameters exhibit a restricted regulatory scope and lack the necessary comprehensive framework required for optimal enforcement. Furthermore, the absence of a centralized, unified database impedes standardized information retrieval and diminishes regulatory transparency across jurisdictions.

- **U.S. Radiation Monitoring:** A formal attestation of radioactivity is not a mandatory prerequisite for market entry into Ghana. However, for food products that have undergone ionizing radiation processing, the submission of an official radiation certificate is highly recommended to expedite regulatory clearance.


APPENDIX I: EXAMPLES OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES FOR GHANA

FSIS - Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness⁸

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not 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 0583-0153. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 25 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instruction, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE**
Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness

A knowingly false entry or false alteration of any entry on this certificate may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both (18 U.S.C. 1001). Additional penalties exist under the Federal Meat Inspection Act [21 U.S.C 611(b) (1), (2); and (5), 21 U.S.C 461] for an unauthorized or false alteration or misuse of this certificate.

1. COUNTRY OF DESTINATION [Importing Country Name]		2. ISO CODE XX		5. CERTIFICATE NUMBER 0155398		6. CERTIFICATE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT		
3. CONSIGNOR/EXPORTER (Applicant's name and address) Exporter Name Street Name City Name, State zip code UNITED STATES				PRODUCT EXPORTED FROM:				
4. CONSIGNEE/IMPORTER (Name and address) Importer name Street Name City Name, [Importing Country Name]				7. EXPORT EST. NO. (Name and address) P38 Export Facility Name Street Address City Name, State zip code				
				8. TOTAL NET WEIGHT 100 lbs (45.3592 kgs)		9. TOTAL NO. OF PACKAGES 100		
10. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT (Name of product)		11. NET WEIGHT OF LOT*	12. SPECIES	13. NUMBER OF PACKAGES IN LOT*	14. TYPE OF PACKAGES IN LOT*	15. SHIPPING/ IDENTIFICATION MARKS*	16. EST. NO. ON PRODUCT	
Product 1		100lbs (45.3592kgs)	Chicken	100	Package		P38	
*As stated by applicant or contractor								
17. REMARKS								
<input type="checkbox"/> 18. I CERTIFY that the meat, meat food product or meat byproduct specified hereon is from animals that received both antemortem and postmortem inspection and were found sound and healthy and that it has been inspected and passed as provided by law and regulations of the Department and is sound and wholesome.								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19. I CERTIFY that the poultry, poultry products or poultry food products specified above came from birds that were officially given an antemortem and postmortem inspection and passed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption.								
NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY A CERTIFYING OFFICIAL OF MEAT, POULTRY, AND EGG PRODUCT INSPECTION SYSTEM								
By order of the Secretary of Agriculture					20. CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE Michael Tenard Michael Tenard, CSI Chicago District		21. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) 07/01/2021	
U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture PHS ID: U-FSS-8715/0155398 Date: 07/01/2021 09:23:38								
This certificate is receivable in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture.								
FSIS FORM 9060-5 (06/29/2018)		ALL PREVIOUS EDITIONS OBSOLETE				ORIGINAL		

⁸ See, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), "FSIS - Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness," located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/FSIS-Form-sample-9060-5.pdf>.

APHIS - Certificate for Poultry Hatching Eggs for Export⁹

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not 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 0579-0020 and 0579-0328. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average .5 to 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 Approved 0579-0020 and 0328									
This certificate is authorized by law (21 U.S.C. 112). While you are not required to respond, no health certificate can be validated unless the data required are provided.																			
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE VETERINARY SERVICES CERTIFICATE FOR POULTRY OR HATCHING EGGS FOR EXPORT								1. DATE OF SHIPMENT		No.									
2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER (include ZIP Code)						3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF IMPORTER													
FIPS STATE CODE (for USDA use only)						FIPS COUNTRY CODE (for USDA use only)													
4. QUANTITY/UNIT (Eggs-Dozen) (Poultry-Number)	5. VARIETY, STRAIN, OR TRADE NAME	6. PRODUCT ("X" or check)						7. SEX ("X" or check)			8. TYPE (intended use) ("X" or check)						9. NPIP APPROVAL NUMBER	10. NPIP CLASSIFICATION-U.S. (“X” or check) Other (specify)	
		Chicken Eggs	Turkey Eggs	Chicks	Poult	Other	Straight-run	Females	Males	Commercial Production Stock		Multiplier Breeding Stock		Primary Breeding Stock					
		Eggs-Type	Meat-Type	Other	Eggs-Type	Meat-Type	Other	Eggs-Type	Meat-Type	Other	Eggs-Type	Meat-Type	Other	Pulorum-Infected Clean	M.	Gallieppium Clean	M.	Myloridis Clean	Sanitation Monitored
11. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS CERTIFIED FOR EXPORT																			
12. CHECK APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATION BELOW (A OR B)																			
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Certificate for Hatching Eggs and Newly Hatched Poultry, which have not been fed or watered. This is to certify that: (1) the flock or flocks and the hatchery or hatcheries from which the above-described hatching eggs or newly hatched poultry originated were inspected by me or another accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to shipment of above hatching eggs or setting of eggs for above shipment of day old chicks and found free from evidence of communicable diseases and insofar as can be determined have not been exposed to Newcastle disease, fowl plague, fowl typhoid, ornithosis, and pullorum disease; (2) during the usual routine inspection of the flock or flocks there was no visible evidence of communicable diseases observed on the inspection dates listed in item 13 below; (3) the National Poultry Improvement Plan classification is as indicated in item 9 above, and (4) the prospective exporter has been advised that the hatching eggs must be clean and that the shipment must be made in new, clean containers.																			
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Certificate for Poultry other than Newly Hatched Poultry Specified in Certificate A. This is to certify that: (1) on this date all poultry shown in item 5 above, including all other poultry maintained in the flock, were inspected by me on the premises of origin within the past 30 days and found free from evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and insofar as can be determined have not been exposed to Newcastle disease, fowl plague, fowl typhoid, ornithosis and pullorum disease; and (2) the prospective exporter has been advised that shipment must be made in new containers or clean containers which have been properly cleaned and disinfected.																			
13. REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if needed)																			
14. TYPED NAME OF ISSUING VETERINARIAN																			
15. SIGNATURE OF ISSUING VETERINARIAN																			
16. STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> 1. State <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Federal <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Accredited												17. DATE ISSUED							
18. SIGNATURE OF ENDORSING FEDERAL VETERINARIAN (if required)												MO	DA	YR					
19. DATE ENDORSED												MO	DA	YR					
USDA VETERINARY SEAL (if required)																			
VS FORM 17-6 JUL 2014												CLEAR FORM							


⁹ See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “APHIS - Certificate for Poultry Hatching Eggs for Export,” located at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/VS17_6.pdf.

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APHIS - Certificate for Export of Cattle from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana¹⁰

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF CATTLE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA																																															
Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Date Of Issue		Certificate Number																																												
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7. Place Of Origin:		8.																																													
9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:		10. Means Of Transport:																																													
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21. Identification Of Commodities:																																															
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NOTE: If more than 10 animals are shipped, a separate table is made, signed by the USDA accredited veterinarian and becomes part of this certificate.																																															
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¹⁰ See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “APHIS - Certificate for Export of Cattle from the United States of America to Ghana,” located at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/gh_VEHCSC_USCattle_hc.pdf.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF CATTLE FROM
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA



Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Date Of Issue	Certificate Number
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Certification Statements :

I, the undersigned USDA accredited veterinarian, certify to the following statements.

1. The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and foot and mouth disease.
2. The United States is recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as a country with negligible risk of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).
3. The State(s) of Origin has been free of clinical cases brucellosis and tuberculosis for the last 12 months prior to export.
4. The Herd of Origin has been free of clinical cases of bovine leucosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis for the last 12 months prior to export.
5. The animals were isolated for at least 21 days immediately prior to export, in a facility approved by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
6. The animals were inspected within 21 days prior to export and found to be free from clinical evidence of communicable diseases.

III. TEST REQUIREMENTS:

The cattle must be tested with negative results for the diseases listed below. (Mark through the non-applicable testing option.)

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin
OR other test accepted by USDA
Test date(s) _____
2. Brucellosis: Complement fixation test at a 1:10 dilution OR buffered *Brucella* antigen test (i.e., card test) OR Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or standard tube test OR plate agglutination test at a 1:50 dilution.
Test date(s) _____

IV. OTHER VETERINARY TREATMENTS AND INSPECTIONS

Within 21 days prior to the export, the animals were inspected and treated for internal and external parasites.

Date(s) of treatment: _____ Name(s) of product: _____


Within 60 days prior to export, the animals were vaccinated against the following diseases:

Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR)	Vaccination date _____
Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD)	_____
Parainfluenza	_____
Leptospirosis	_____

The animals will receive a USDA veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation, within 48 hours of export, and found free of evidence of communicable disease and fit for travel.

Name of Accredited Veterinarian	Name of USDA Veterinarian
Signature of Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of USDA Veterinarian
Date	Date

APHIS - Certificate for Export of Bovine Semen from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana¹¹

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA							
Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		Date Of Issue		Certificate Number			
1. Consignor:			2. Consignee:				
3. Country Of Origin: USA			4. State Of Origin:				
3. Country Of Destination: GHANA			6. Zone Of Destination: *****				
7. Place Of Origin:			8. Port Of Embarkation:				
9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:			10. Means Of Transport:				
11.*****			12. CITES Permit Number: *****				
13. Description Of Commodity: Bovine semen			14.*****				
15. Total Quantity:			16. Additional Information: *****				
17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers:							
18. Identification / Seal Numbers:							
19. Commodities Intended Use: Breeding/rearing			20. Type Of Admission: Permanent import				
21. Identification Of Commodities:							
	Registered name	Identification number	Breed	Age or Date of Birth	Collection date	Collection code	Number of straws
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NOTE: If more space is needed, a separate table can be created, signed by the USDA Accredited Veterinarian and becomes part of this certificate.							

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¹¹ See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “APHIS - Certificate for Export of Bovine Semen from the United States to Ghana,” located at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/gh-bo-se-hc.pdf>.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

II. ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATIONS STATEMENTS:

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

1. The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and Rift Valley fever, without vaccination.
2. The semen collection center has been free of clinical cases of brucellosis and tuberculosis during the thirty (30) days prior to commencement, until conclusion of, semen collection for export.
3. The semen collection center has been free of clinical cases of campylobacteriosis, trichomoniasis, and leptospirosis during the thirty (30) days prior to commencement, until conclusion of, semen collection for export.
4. Donor animals:
 - a. were continuous residents in the United States either for a minimum of sixty (60) days immediately preceding collection of the semen for export or have been resident since birth.
 - b. were identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA.
 - c. were not resident in any establishment that is subject to quarantine restrictions due to diagnosed diseases which affect cattle, for at least the 90 days before the first semen collection for this consignment through completion of the testing of the donors.
 - d. on the day(s) of collection the donor did not show any clinical evidence of infectious diseases transmissible in semen.
 - e. were not used for natural mating and were isolated from animals not of equivalent health status since arriving at the semen collection center.
5. The semen for export:
 - a. was collected, processed and stored at an approved semen collection center in a manner that is acceptable to the USDA, and is under the supervision of the USDA Accredited Veterinarian.
 - b. is sealed in straws or vials that are clearly and permanently marked to identify the donor and the date(s) of collection.
 - c. were frozen in fresh liquid nitrogen or liquid nitrogen vapor, and then stored in cleaned and disinfected tanks or new containers, under strict hygienic conditions.
 - d. will be shipped in cryogenic containers sealed by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian, prior to shipment.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

III. TEST REQUIREMENTS:

Each donor animal was test negative for the following diseases within six months prior to or six months after collection, unless otherwise specified below, in a laboratory acceptable to APHIS, as noted on the attached test chart:

1. Tuberculosis¹: Intradermal test using bovine PPD tuberculin **OR** other test accepted by USDA.
2. Brucellosis¹: Complement fixation test at a 1:10 dilution **OR** buffered *Brucella* antigen test (i.e., card test) **OR** enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) **OR** fluorescent polarization assay (FPA) **OR** standard tube test or standard plate agglutination test at 1:50 dilution **OR** other test accepted by USDA.
3. Campylobacteriosis²: Culture or PCR of cultured preputial material
4. Trichomoniasis²: Culture or PCR of cultured preputial material
5. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test, at the 1:400 dilution for serotypes: *L. canicola*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona*, and *L. icterohaemorrhagiae* **OR** other test accepted by USDA.

¹Testing is not required of bulls that originate from herds that are Certified and Accredited Free of brucellosis and tuberculosis, respectively.

²Testing is not required of bulls that have never been used for natural breeding.

Name of USDA Accredited Veterinarian	Name of APHIS Veterinarian
Signature of USDA Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of APHIS Veterinarian
Date	Date

APHIS - Certificate for Export of Bovine Embryos from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana¹²

Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		Date Of Issue	Certificate Number		
1. Consignor:		2. Consignee:			
3. Country Of Origin: USA		4. State Of Origin:			
3. Country Of Destination: GHANA		6. Zone Of Destination: *****			
7. Place Of Origin:		8. Port Of Embarkation:			
9. Estimated Date Of Shipment:		10. Means Of Transport:			
11. *****		12. CITES Permit Number: *****			
13. Description Of Commodity: Bovine embryos		14. *****			
15. Total Quantity:		16. Additional Information: *****			
17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers: *****					
18. Identification / Seal Numbers: *****					
19. Commodities Intended Use: Breeding/rearing		20. Type Of Admission: Permanent import			
21. Identification Of Commodities:					
	Donor Dam Identification Number	Donor Sire Identification Number	Embryo Collection Date	Straw Identification	Number of Straws
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NOTE: If more space is needed, a separate table can be created, signed by the USDA accredited veterinarian and becomes part of this certificate.					

¹² See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “APHIS - Certificate for Export of Bovine Embryos from the United States to Ghana,” located at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/gh-bo-em-hc.pdf>.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF BOVINE EMBRYOS
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number


II. ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATIONS STATEMENTS:

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

1. The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, and Rift Valley fever, without vaccination.
2. The embryos were collected on a premises which has been free of clinical cases of brucellosis and tuberculosis during the thirty (30) days prior to commencement, until conclusion of collection of embryos for export.
3. The embryos were collected on a premises which has been free of clinical cases of bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), campylobacteriosis, trichomoniasis, and leptospirosis, during the thirty (30) days prior to commencement, until conclusion of, embryo collection for export.
4. Donor animals:
 - a. were continuous residents in the United States either for a minimum of sixty (60) days immediately preceding collection of the embryos for export or have been resident since birth.
 - b. were identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA.
 - c. were not resident in any establishment that is subject to quarantine restrictions due to diseases which affect cattle for at least the 90 days before embryo collection for this consignment, until completion of the testing of the donors.
 - d. originate from states officially free of tuberculosis and brucellosis.
 - e. on the day(s) of collection the donor did not show any clinical evidence of infectious diseases transmissible via embryos.
5. The embryos for export:
 - a. were produced with semen that meets the import health requirements of the importing country, or the Certified Semen Services (CSS), or equivalent.
 - b. were collected by an embryo collection team approved by USDA APHIS, annually.
 - c. were collected, processed and stored in accordance with the procedures established by the International Embryo Technology Society (IETS).
 - d. are sealed in straws or vials that are clearly and permanently marked to identify the donor and the date(s) of collection.
 - e. are stored in the frozen state for at least 30 days after collection before shipment, and during this time, the donors, and all animals in contact with them, have remained free from any diseases transmissible via embryos.
 - f. were frozen in fresh liquid nitrogen or other cryoprotectant, and then stored in cleaned and disinfected tanks or new containers, under strict hygienic conditions.
 - g. were sealed in liquid nitrogen tanks prior to shipment.

Name of USDA Accredited Veterinarian	Name of APHIS Veterinarian
Signature of USDA Accredited Veterinarian	Signature of APHIS Veterinarian
Date	Date

APHIS - Certificate for Export of Sheep and Goats from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana¹³

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Sheep and Goats from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana						
Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Date Of Issue	Certificate Number				
CERTIFICATION						
1. Consignor:		2. Consignee:				
3. Country Of Origin: USA		4. State(s) Of Origin:				
5. Country Of Destination GHANA		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:		14. Date Of Inspection:				
15. Total Quantity:		16. Additional Information: *****				
17. Total Number Of Packages/ Containers: *****						
18. Identification / Seal Numbers: *****						
19. Commodities Intended Use: Breeding/Rearing		20. Type Of Admission: Permanent Import				
21. Identification Of Commodities:						
	Official Identification	Breed	Other Identification	Age (Months)	Species	Sex
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<p>NOTE: If more than 15 animals are shipped, a separate table is made, signed by the USDA accredited veterinarian, and becomes part of this certificate.</p>						

¹³ See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “APHIS - Certificate for Export of Sheep and Goats from the United States of America to Ghana,” located at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/gh-sh-go-hc.pdf>.

**Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Sheep and Goats
from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana**



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS:

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, peste des petites ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and Rift Valley fever, in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
2. The animals were born or legally imported into the United States.
3. Scrapie is a notifiable disease in the United States.
4. The feeding to sheep and goats of meat-and-bone meal or greaves of ruminant origin is banned and effectively enforced in the United States.
5. Each animal is identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA.
6. During the 12 months prior export, the States of origin of the animals have not reported/confirmed any clinical cases of caprine/ovine brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*).
7. The animals have been in isolation in facilities approved by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian, for a minimum of 21 days prior to export.
8. The flock(s) of origin:
 - a. Has not had a confirmed case of clinical scrapie in the last seven (7) years prior to export.
 - b. Has had no clinical cases of tuberculosis, and/or caprine arthritis/encephalitis, and/or maedi-visna in the last three (3) years prior to export, **OR** were tested as listed below.
 - c. Has had no clinical cases of *Chlamydophila abortus* (enzootic abortion of ewes) in the last two (2) years prior to export.
 - d. Has had no clinical cases of bovine brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*), contagious epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) or paratuberculosis, in the last twelve (12) months prior to export.
 - e. Has had no clinical cases of contagious agalactia in the last six (6) months prior to export.
9. None of the animals in the shipment have been designated for destruction/removal due to disease eradication measures.
10. Within 21 days of export, all animals were treated with _____, a product that provides broad-spectrum coverage against internal parasites, and with _____, an approved product for use against external parasites.

**Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Sheep and Goats
from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana**



Veterinary Authority
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue

Certificate Number

TEST REQUIREMENTS:

All animals must be tested during the isolation period, with the exception of tuberculosis, with negative results as prescribed below:

1. Tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*), (for goats only, if required), tested within 90 days of export: Intradermal caudal fold tuberculin test, or other test accepted by APHIS.
Date: _____
2. Bluetongue: AGID (Agar-gel immunodiffusion)* test, or ELISA,* or PCR, or other test accepted by APHIS.
Date: _____
* If an animal had positive results for bluetongue virus antibodies, the animal was tested for bluetongue virus agent with negative results prior to export.
3. Maedi-visna (for sheep only, if required): AGID, or CF test, or ELISA, or other test accepted by APHIS
Date: _____
4. Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (for goats only, if required): Serology, or other test accepted by APHIS.
Date: _____

EMBARKATION STATEMENTS:

1. During transit, animals will not be comingled with any animals of lesser health status.
2. The loading of the animals was carried out in vehicles or containers previously cleaned and disinfected using an approved disinfectant.
3. The animals will receive USDA veterinary inspection within 48 hours of export, and be found free of evidence of communicable diseases, and fit to travel.

Name of USDA Accredited Veterinarian:

Name of APHIS Veterinarian:

Signature of USDA Accredited Veterinarian:

Signature of APHIS Veterinarian:

Date:

Date:

APHIS - Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Semen from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana¹⁴

Veterinary Authority		Date Of Issue	Certificate Number		
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
1. Consignor:		2. Consignee:			
3. Country Of Origin: USA		4. State Of Origin			
5. Country Of Destination: GHANA		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:		14. Date Of Inspection: *****			
15. Total Quantity:		16. Additional Information: *****			
17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers:					
18. Identification / Seal Numbers:					
19. Commodities Intended Use: Breeding/Reproduction		20. Type Of Admission: Permanent Import			
21. Identification Of Commodities:					
	Official Identification of Ram/Buck	Breed	Date of Semen Collection	Straw Identification/Collection Code	Number of Straws
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¹⁴ See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “APHIS - Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Semen from the United States of America to Ghana,” located at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/gh-ov-cap-sem-hc.pdf>.

**Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Semen
from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana**



Veterinary Authority: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Date Of Issue:	Certificate Number:
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CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS:

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, peste des petites ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and Rift Valley fever, in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
2. The donor animals were born or legally imported into the United States.
3. 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*).
4. During the 12 months prior to collection, the farms of origin of the donor animals have been free of clinical cases of scrapie, maedi-visna, caprine arthritis/encephalitis, bluetongue, paratuberculosis, ovine epididymitis, and contagious agalactia.
5. On the day(s) of collection, all the donor animals were in good health and did not show clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease.
6. The semen has been diluted using diluents that do not contain pathogenic organisms and to which antibiotics have been added in accordance with OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code recommendations.
7. The semen straws are individually identified with donor animal and collection identification code.
8. Semen was stored in containers which were new or cleaned and disinfected with a licensed product.
9. The shipping containers will be sealed by USDA accredited veterinarian prior to transportation to the port of embarkation.
10. Semen was not exported prior to the final endorsement of required veterinary health certificate by the competent veterinary authority.


TEST REQUIREMENTS:

The donor animals were tested according to recommendations in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, with negative results, for the following diseases within 6 months prior to semen collection:

1. Tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*), for goats.
Date of test: _____
2. Contagious epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*), for sheep:
Date of test: _____

Name of Accredited Veterinarian:	Name of USDA Veterinarian:
Signature of Accredited Veterinarian:	Signature of USDA Veterinarian:
Date:	Date:

APHIS - Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Embryos from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana.¹⁵

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Embryos from the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana					
Veterinary Authority UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		Date Of Issue	Certificate Number		
1. Consignor:		2. Consignee:			
3. Country Of Origin: USA		4. State Of Origin:			
5. Country Of Destination: GHANA		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:		14. Date Of Inspection: *****			
15. Total Quantity:		16. Additional Information: *****			
17. Total Number Of Packages/Containers:					
18. Identification / Seal Numbers:					
19. Commodities Intended Use: Breeding/Reproduction		20. Type Of Admission: Permanent Import			
21. Identification Of Commodities:					
	Official Identification of Ewe/Doe	Breed	Date of Embryo Collection	Straw Identification	Number of Straws
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¹⁵ See, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), “APHIS - Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Embryos from the United States of America to Ghana,” located at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/gh-ov-cap-emb-hc.pdf>.

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Veterinary Authority:
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date Of Issue:

Certificate Number:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS:

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, peste des petites ruminants, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, and Rift Valley fever, in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
2. The donor animals were born or legally imported into the United States.
3. 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*).
4. During the 12 months prior to embryo creation, the farms of origin of the donor animals have been free of clinical cases of scrapie, maedi-visna, caprine arthritis/encephalitis, bluetongue, paratuberculosis, ovine epididymitis, and contagious agalactia.
5. Embryos were created using semen that meets the import health requirements of the importing country, or the OIE, or equivalent.
6. On the day(s) of collection, all the donor animals were in good health and did not show clinical signs of infectious or communicable disease.
7. Embryos were washed at least ten times at a dilution of at least 1/100 between each washing, in accordance with OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
8. The zona pellucida of each embryo, after washing, should be examined over its entire surface area at not less than 50X magnification to ensure that it is intact and free of adherent material.
9. Embryos were frozen in fresh liquid nitrogen and stored in new or cleaned and disinfected vials or containers containing fresh liquid nitrogen.
10. Only embryos from a single female donor are packaged together in the same straw.
11. Straws are individually identified with donor animal and straw identification code.
12. The shipping containers will be sealed by a USDA accredited veterinarian prior to transportation to the port of embarkation.
13. Embryos were not exported prior to the final endorsement of required veterinary health certificate by the competent veterinary authority.

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Veterinary Authority:
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

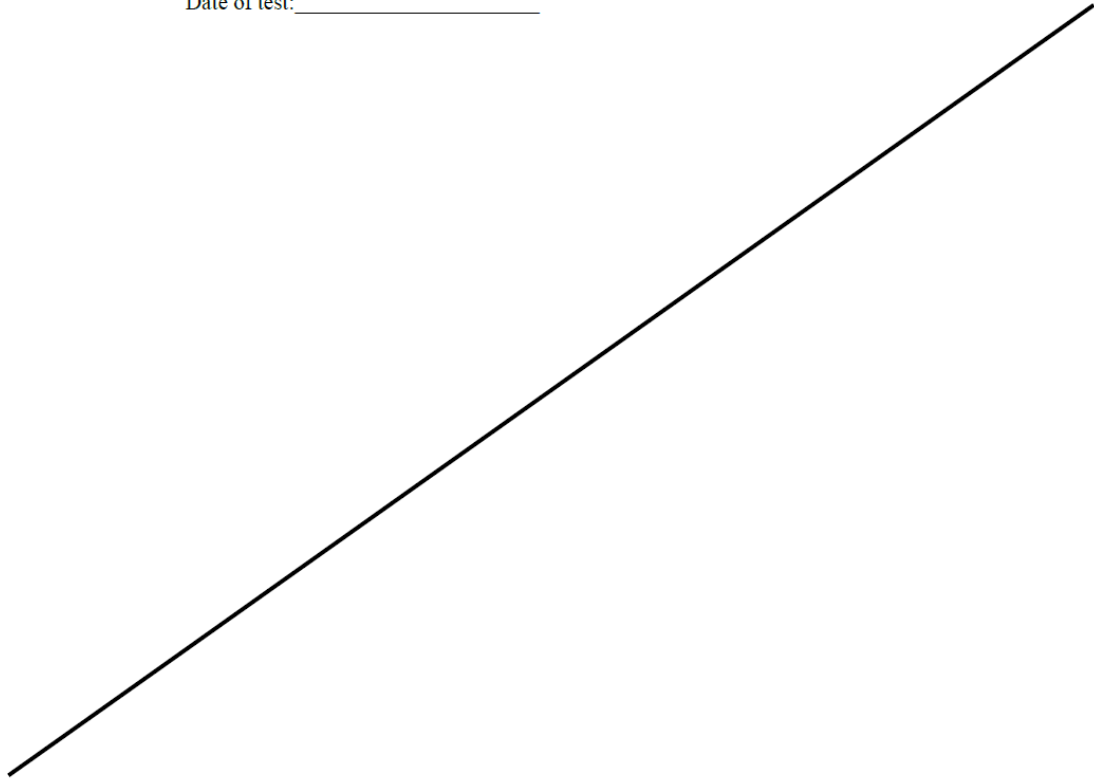
Date Of Issue:

Certificate Number:

TEST REQUIREMENTS:

The donor animals were tested according to recommendations in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, with negative results, for the following diseases within 6 months prior to embryo/oocyte collection:

1. Tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*), for goats:
Date of test: _____
2. Contagious epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*), for sheep:
Date of test: _____
3. Maedi-visna (for sheep) OR caprine arthritis encephalitis (for goats):
Date of test: _____
4. Bluetongue:
Date of test: _____



Name of Accredited Veterinarian:	Name of USDA Veterinarian:
Signature of Accredited Veterinarian:	Signature of USDA Veterinarian:
Date:	Date:

APPENDIX II: GHANA FDA REGULATED PRODUCTS

Pursuant to the [Public Health Act No. 851 \(2012\)](#), the Ghana Food and Drugs Authority (Ghana FDA) exercises exclusive statutory oversight over the manufacturing, importation, exportation, distribution, and sale of food, drugs, food supplements, herbal or homeopathic remedies, veterinary medicines, cosmetics, medical devices, household chemical substances, and tobacco products, alongside the authorization of clinical trials.¹⁶

All prospective exporters must maintain strict compliance with the codified regulatory frameworks established by the Authority. Definitive compliance guidelines, registration protocols, and official documentation are accessible exclusively via the official Ghana FDA portal at www.fdaghana.gov.gh.

Attachments:

No Attachments

¹⁶ See, Ghana Public Health Act No. 851 (2012), located at: <https://www.fao.org/faolex/results/details/en/c/LEX-FAOC136559>.