



Sheep and Goats to the United States of America (Guidance)

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Guidance Document

1 Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
19 June 2025		New Guidance Document for <i>Sheep and Goats to the United States of America (OMAR)</i> , dated 19 June 2025.

2 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the *Animal Products Notice: Sheep and Goats to the United States of America (OMAR)*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that *OMAR*.

3 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) With regard to clause 2.4, the designated veterinarian does not have to be a Recognised Person but must be a registered veterinarian working under supervision or direction of a Recognised Person.
- (2) With regard to clause 3.5, only the time period that applies to the animal(s) in the consignment should be left without strikeout. If a consignment contains animals that meet both periods, no strikeout should be applied, and the applicable period should be specified for each animal in a schedule.
- (3) With regard to clause 3.6 and the export of pregnant ewes/does, only the option that applies to animals in the consignment should be left without strikeout. If a consignment contains animals that meet multiple options, or pregnant and non-pregnant ewes/does, a schedule should specify the pregnancy state and which option applies for each animal.
- (4) With regard to clause 4.2 and the export of sheep, if a consignment contains only sheep the clause does not apply. The clause can be left as it is and no strikeout needs to be applied.
- (5) With regard to clause 4.2 and the export of goats, only the option that applies to the goats in the consignment should be left without strikeout. If a consignment contains goats that meet multiple options, a schedule should specify the type of test used for each animal.
- (6) With regard to clause 4.3, no pesticides may be registered for the control of ticks in sheep and goats in New Zealand. In this case a pesticide registered for use in the species for other purposes should be selected, for example products registered for the control of lice and keds in sheep, based on international evidence of efficacy for the control of ticks for products with similar active ingredients and formulations.

- (7) The MPI Consolidated List of Tests Numerical reference for the tests required in the zoosanitary certificate are as follows:

Attestation number	Disease	Method	CLT Numerical Reference
4.2	Brucellosis (<i>Brucella abortus</i>)	4.2.1 Fluorescence polarization immunoassay (FPA)	
		4.2.2 Rose-Bengal test / Card test	
		4.2.3 Complement fixation test (CFT)	60.7

4 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), Unit 39,
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 20737-1231

Telephone: (301) 851-3300

The application, VS Form 17-129, "Application for Import or in Transit Permit," may be filed electronically using the [eFile](#) system. Alternatively, the form may be downloaded from the [APHIS web site](#) and submitted by emailing the completed application and all required supporting documentation to laipermits@usda.gov for processing.

- (2) The importer should also reserve quarantine space at one of the following USDA APHIS quarantine centres:

New York Animal Import Center (NYAIC)
Rock Tavern, New York
Telephone: (845) 838-5500
VSPSNIC@usda.gov

- (3) Alternatively, the quarantine may be completed at a USDA-approved privately owned minimum security quarantine facility for ruminants in compliance with title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations*, part 93, as amended on January 1, 2015. The importer may contact S&P, Live Animal Imports (LAIE@usda.gov) for further information.
- (4) The *Protocol for the Importation of Live Goats and Sheep from New Zealand*, amended December 2023, as published by the USDA contains additional information on the transportation of the animals and the U.S. port of entry quarantine requirements. The exporter should be familiar with these requirements prior to preparing a consignment of sheep or goats for export to the USA.

5 Animal Welfare Export Certificate (AWEC)

- (1) Sheep exported to the United States of America will require an Animal Welfare Export Certificate (AWEC) in addition to the zoosanitary certificate.
- (2) The AWEC certificate is required for compliance with New Zealand's Animal Welfare legislation and should not be presented to the overseas competent authority.
- (3) AWEC applications for livestock (cattle, deer, goats and sheep) are assessed by the MPI Export Process team in Wellington.

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