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## IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF NICARAGUA FOR SHEEP AND GOATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease.
2. The animals originated from premises free of clinical signs of bluetongue, hydatid disease (*Echinococcus granulosus*), sheep pox, contagious ecthyma, and mange.
3. The animals are not known to be affected with or exposed to scrapie and have not been on any premises affected with scrapie. They are not the progeny, sires, dams, or full or half brothers, or half sisters of any scrapie affected animals.

### TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days of embarkation:

1. Tuberculosis (Refer to VS Memorandum 552.15 Attachment #2)
2. Brucellosis - (In sheep, *Brucella ovis*; in goats *B. melitensis*)

### EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate (17-140) the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37):

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 to be free of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto" (within 24 hours of exportation).