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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF VENEZUELA
FOR BOVINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The semen 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 veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and complete identification of the semen to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, and rinderpest.
2. No diagnosis has been made of mycoplasmosis, toxoplasmosis, or salmonellosis during the past 6 months in the herd of origin.
3. The donor sire was clinically healthy on the day of collection of the semen identified on this certificate.
4. The donor sire meets the CSS (Certified Semen Services) requirements for production of semen or its equivalent.
5. The donor animals reside in centers where no cases of Malignant Catarrhal Fever have been reported to occur during the last 12 months.

Test Results

The donor sire must be negative to the following tests within 180 days (show date of tests) of the date of collection of the semen (show date of collection):

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| 1. Brucellosis | 5. Vibriosis |
| 2. Leptospirosis | 6. Trichomoniasis |
| 3. Bovine Leukosis | 7. Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis |
| 4. Tuberculosis | 8. Bluetongue |

Other Information

1. The health certificate must be validated by a Venezuelan Consular Office prior to exportation.
2. Identification codes used on straws or ampoules of semen shall be indicated on the health certificate.

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3. The Venezuelan importer will obtain permit and send copy of it to the U.S. exporter prior to preparing health certificate. It may contain information that is different than what is indicated above and will take precedence over this material.