

imported from the British Virgin Islands into the United States Virgin Islands, for immediate slaughter, only, if they are free from fever ticks at the time of such importation; if they are entered through one of the ports designated in §93.403(d) and are consigned to a recognized slaughtering establishment with facilities approved by the Administrator for holding the animals in isolation until slaughtered, which shall be within 14 days after the date of entry into the United States Virgin Islands; and if they are accompanied by a certificate of a responsible official of the government of the British Virgin Islands certifying that the cattle originated in and are being shipped directly from the British Virgin Islands, that they are free of fever ticks, and that, as far as it has been possible to determine, such cattle are free from evidence of communicable disease and have not been exposed to any such disease common to animals of their kind, other than splenetic, southern, or tick fever, during the 60 days preceding their movement to the United States Virgin Islands.

(d) If ruminants are unaccompanied by the certificate or affidavit as required by paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of this section, or if they are found upon inspection at the port of entry to be affected with a communicable disease or to have been exposed thereto, they shall be refused entry, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Ruminants refused entry shall be handled thereafter in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 416; 21 U.S.C. 103), or quarantined, or otherwise disposed of as the Administrator may direct.

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MEXICO⁹

§93.424 Import permits and applications for inspection of ruminants.

(a) For ruminants intended for importation from Mexico, the importer shall

first apply for and obtain from APHIS an import permit as provided in §93.404: *Provided*, That an import permit is not required for a ruminant offered for entry at a land border port designated in §93.403(c), if such animal is:

- (1) A wether;
- (2) A sheep or goat imported for immediate slaughter; or
- (3) A ruminant other than a sheep or goat and that ruminant:
 - (i) Was born in Mexico or the United States, and has been in no region other than Mexico or the United States, and
 - (ii) Has not, during the preceding 60 days been corralled, pastured, or held with, or bred by, or inseminated with semen from any ruminant which has been imported into Mexico from a region designated in §94.1(a)(1) as infected with foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest, and
 - (iii) Is not pregnant as a result of having been bred by, or artificially inseminated with semen from, a ruminant imported into Mexico from regions designated in §94.1(a) as infected with foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest.

(b) For ruminants intended for importation into the United States from Mexico, the importer or his or her agent shall deliver to the veterinary inspector at the port of entry an application, in writing, for inspection, so that the veterinary inspector and customs representatives may make mutually satisfactory arrangements for the orderly inspection of the animals. For all cattle, except those entering pursuant to the third proviso in §93.427(d), and except for steers, an official record of negative brucellosis test conducted on the herd of origin as required in §93.427(d) shall be presented to the veterinary inspector at the port of entry when application is made for inspection. The veterinary inspector at the port of entry will provide the importer or his or her agent with a written statement assigning a date when the animals may be presented for import inspection.

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⁹Importations from Mexico shall be subject to §§93.424 to 93.429, inclusive, in addition to other sections in this part which are in terms applicable for such importations.