

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA

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national animal health service of the region of origin.

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§ 98.4 Import permit.

(a) Except as provided in subpart B of this part, an animal embryo shall not be imported into the United States unless accompanied by an import permit issued by APHIS and unless imported into the United States within 14 days after the proposed date of arrival stated in the import permit.

(b) An application for an import permit must be submitted to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Center for Import-Export, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1231. An application form for an import permit may be obtained from this staff.

(c) The completed application shall include the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person intending to export an embryo from the region of origin,
- (2) The name and address of the person intending to import an embryo,
- (3) The species, breed, and number of embryos to be imported,
- (4) The purpose of the importation,
- (5) The region in which the embryo is conceived,
- (6) The port of embarkation,
- (7) The mode of transportation,
- (8) The route of travel,
- (9) The port of entry in the United States,
- (10) The proposed date of arrival in the United States,
- (11) The name and address of the person to whom the embryo will be delivered in the United States, and
- (12) The measures to be taken to ensure that the embryo is collected and maintained under conditions adequate to protect against contamination of the embryo with infectious animal disease organisms.

(d) After receipt and review of the application by APHIS, an import permit indicating the applicable conditions under this subpart for importation into the United States shall be issued for the importation of embryos described in the application if such embryos ap-

pear to be eligible to be imported. Even though an import permit has been issued for the importation of an embryo, the embryo may be imported only if all applicable requirements of this subpart are met.

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§ 98.5 Health certificate.

(a) Except as provided in subpart B of this part, an animal embryo shall not be imported into the United States unless it is accompanied by a certificate issued by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the region of origin, or issued by a veterinarian designated or accredited by the national government of the region of origin and endorsed by a full-time salaried veterinary officer of the national government of the region of origin, representing that the veterinarian issuing the certificate was authorized to do so. The certificate shall state:

- (1) The dates, places, types, and results of all examinations and tests performed on the donor sire and donor dam as a condition for importation of the embryo, and the names and addresses of persons or laboratories conducting the examinations or tests, and a statement that any other requirements established by § 98.3 have been complied with,
 - (2) The name and address of the consignor and consignee,
 - (3) The name and address of the approved artificial insemination center where the semen for the embryo was collected, if applicable,
 - (4) The name and address of the approved embryo transfer unit where the donor dam was inseminated or bred and the embryo was collected, and
 - (5) The measures taken to ensure that the embryo was collected and maintained under conditions adequate to protect against contamination of the embryo with infectious animal disease organisms.
- (b) The certificate accompanying sheep or goat embryos intended for importation from any part of the world

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shall, in addition to the statements required by paragraph (a) of this section, state that:

(1) The embryos' sire and dam have not been in any flock or herd nor had contact with sheep or goats which have been in any flock or herd where scrapie has been diagnosed or suspected during the 5 years prior to the date of collection of the embryos;

(2) The embryos' sire and dam showed no evidence of scrapie at the time the embryos were collected;

(3) Scrapie has not been suspected nor confirmed in any progeny of the embryos' donor dam; and

(4) The parents of the embryos' sire and dam are not, nor were not, affected with scrapie.

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§ 98.6 Ports of entry.

An embryo shall not be imported into the United States unless at a port of entry listed in § 93.303 for horses, § 93.403 for ruminants, or § 93.503 for swine of this chapter.

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§ 98.7 Declaration upon arrival.

Upon arrival of an embryo at a port of entry, the importer or the importer's agent shall notify APHIS of the arrival by giving an inspector a document stating:

- (a) The port of entry,
- (b) The date of arrival,
- (c) Import permit number,
- (d) Carrier, and identification of the means of conveyance,
- (e) The name and address of the importer,
- (f) The name and address of the broker,
- (g) The region of origin of the embryo,
- (h) The number, species, and purpose of importation of the embryo, and

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(i) The name and address of the person to whom the embryo will be delivered.

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§ 98.8 Inspection.

Any embryo offered for entry into the United States in accordance with this subpart and documents accompanying the embryo shall be subject to inspection by an inspector at the time the embryo is offered for entry in order to determine whether the embryo is eligible for entry. The import permit and the health certificate shall be given to the inspector.

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§ 98.9 Embryos refused entry.

Any embryo refused entry into the United States for noncompliance with the requirements of this subpart shall be removed from the United States within a time period specified by the Administrator or abandoned by the importer for destruction, and pending such action shall be subject to such safeguards as the inspector determines necessary to prevent the possible introduction into the United States of infectious animal diseases. If such embryo is not removed from the United States within such time period, or abandoned for destruction, it may be seized, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of as the inspector determines necessary to prevent the possible introduction into the United States of infectious animal diseases.

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§ 98.10 Other importations.

Notwithstanding other provisions in this part, the Administrator may in specific cases allow the importation and entry into the United States of embryos other than as provided for in this part under such conditions as the Administrator may prescribe to prevent the introduction into the United States of infectious animal diseases.

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