

5.12 Export to the U.S. - Zoo Ruminants

Health Certification

Export of Ruminants to the
U.S. and Mexico Suspended
May 20, 2003

1. Cattle and other ruminants from zoos and game farms do not qualify for export to the U.S. in the same manner as those from domestic herds.
2. The official certificate is HA 1946.
3. When animals were not born in Canada or the U.S., authorization must be provided by the USDA, and the name of the authorizing individual listed on the certificate HA 1946.

Contact:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Veterinary Services, National Centre for Import and Export
4700 River Road unit 39
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Tel. (301) 734-3277

4. All ruminants must be identified with an official unique individual eartag or tattoo, and **must** have a large readable bangle ear tag which allows the bangle numbers to be checked without offloading the animals. Bangle tag numbers and corresponding official tag or tattoo numbers must be recorded on the health certificate.

Certification Procedures

5. **Bovine tuberculosis:** Within the 60 days before export, each ruminant must be tested with negative results for bovine tuberculosis using the tuberculin test appropriate for the species. Any animal classified as a responder to the tuberculin test is ineligible for entry; however, if the status of all responders can be established by comparative testing by the CFIA or by post-mortem examination and tissue culture, negative contact animals may be considered for entry to the U.S.
6. **Bovine brucellosis:** Within the 30 days before export, zoo ruminants must be tested with negative results using a serum agglutination test (BPAT or TAT).

How to Complete the Canadian Health Certificate (HA 1946)

7. The accredited veterinarian must use the most recent version of the export certificate.
8. All sections of the export certificate must be completed in full, including all the columns describing animal identification. An incomplete certificate will be returned to the accredited veterinarian to be completed.
9. The accredited veterinarian must complete the export health certificate by entering all required information according to the directions provided above. The completed and signed health certificate shall be submitted to the CFIA veterinary inspector to review and, if all the requirements have been met, endorse. A fee will be charged for CFIA's endorsement. **The health certificate is valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the examination.**