

## 5.8 Export to the U.S. - Camelidae

### Health Certification

1. Export certificate *HA 1940 Export of Camelidae to the United States of America* must be used.
2. Camelids for export to the U.S. must be of U.S. or Canadian origin, or have been in Canada and free to move without restriction within Canada for a period of 60 days before export. If the camelids are offspring of animals imported into Canada from a country other than the U.S., New Zealand or Australia, the period of movement without restriction in Canada must be increased to 90 days before the date of export to the U.S.
3. The animals have been resident of the herd of origin in Canada for a minimum period of 60 days before export and do not originate from a premises containing ruminant or swine species that are not part of a herd recognized by CFIA to be tuberculosis free.
4. Neither *M. bovis*, *M. tuberculosis* nor *B. abortus* has been diagnosed clinically, by diagnostic test or by post-mortem examination, in a llama or alpaca on the premises of origin within the three (3) years preceding the issuance of the export certificate.
5. Unless at the foot of their dam, all animals being exported must be at least six (6) months of age and fully weaned at least one (1) month before shipping. Animals less than six (6) months of age and travelling at the foot of their dam must be identified on the health certificate, but do not require testing for tuberculosis or brucellosis.
6. All camelids must be permanently and individually identified. If a microchip transponder is used, an electronic reader capable of reading the microchip must accompany the animal(s) to the U.S. port of entry.
7. During the 60 days before export, camelids must have had no direct or indirect contact with any animals that are not of equivalent health status.
8. Accredited veterinarians authorized to certify camelids for export to the U.S. must, as a prerequisite, be authorized to conduct intradermal tuberculin testing at the post-axillary site. Intradermal tuberculosis testing must occur within 60 days of export to the U.S. For a description of the post-axillary test, please see [3.1 Tuberculosis Testing](#).

9. Deaths during pre-export: all animals over the age of six (6) months that die during the 30-day period before export to the U.S. are subject to post-mortem examination. Contact the CFIA district veterinarian in every case.
10. Animals being exported to the U.S. will be transported in cleaned and disinfected trucks directly from the premises of origin to the USDA port of entry.

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11. If the animals to be exported are removed from the main herd for the 60-day pre-export isolation period, only the animals eligible for testing in this group must be tested. If the export animals remain in the main herd, all the animals in the main herd eligible for the test must be tested. This complies with the condition described in paragraph 7 above.
12. Brucellosis: Within the 30 days before export, each camelid in the group must be tested for brucellosis (*B. abortus*) with negative results using the buffered plate agglutination test (BPAT) or the tube agglutination test (TAT).
13. Tuberculosis: Within the 60 days before export, each camelid in the group must be tested for tuberculosis (*M. bovis*) with negative results using an intradermal tuberculin test at the post-axillary site. (For a description of this test, please refer to [Module 3.1 Tuberculosis Testing](#).)
14. Upon examination before departure for export to the U.S., camelids must show no clinical signs of communicable disease.

## How to Complete the Canadian Health Certificate (HA 1940)

15. The accredited veterinarian must use the most recent version of export certificate HA 1940.
16. The accredited veterinarian must complete the export health certificate by entering all required information according to the directions provided above. The "Reference number" is assigned by the CFIA district office. The completed and signed health certificate will be submitted to a CFIA veterinary inspector to review and, if all requirements are met, endorse. Any incomplete export certificates will be returned to the accredited veterinarian for completion. A fee is charged for CFIA endorsement. Once endorsed, certificates are returned to the accredited veterinarian. **The health certificate is valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the examination.**

## **Inspections at U.S. Ports of Entry**

17. Animals must be presented at the U.S. port of entry by appointment.
18. Refer to [5.1 Export to the U.S. - General](#) for the list of land ports of entry designated as having the necessary inspection facilities for the entry of animals from Canada. Although the list was provided by the USDA, it is the exporters' responsibility to present their animals to a U.S. port of entry that has the facilities required for the unloading and inspection of such animals.

### **References**

A copy of export health certificate [HA 1940](#) can be found on the CFIA Web site.