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**CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF SMALL RUMINANTS  
(SHEEP/GOATS)**

**The following conditions must be met before entry into the territory can be granted:**

1. Animal(s) must be accompanied by a **Health Certificate** issued by the **\*Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating: -
  - a) The country of origin has been free of foot and Mouth Disease and other Vesicular Diseases, Peste Des Petits Ruminants, Rift Valley Fever, Rinderpest, Sheep Pox, Goat Pox and Blue Tongue (24 months) for the past 36 months.
  - b) That Scrapie has not existed on the premises of origin during the 3 years immediately prior to shipment and that animal(s) is/are not the progeny of a sire or dam that was affected with Scrapie.
  - c) That animal(s) has/have tested negative for Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis or premises of origin are free of Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis.
  - d) That animal(s) has/have tested negative for Tuberculosis and Brucellosis within 30 days prior to exportation.
  - e) That the animal(s) was/were treated for internal and external parasites within 14 days prior to exportation
  - f) That the animal(s) is/are clinically healthy with no signs of infectious or contagious diseases and that there has been no reported cases of Adenomatosis, Nairobi Sheep Disease, Maedi-visna or Rabies (12 months prior to shipment) in the area of origin.
  - g) That the animals originated from a farm frequently visited by a veterinarian and certified to be of acceptable standards.
2. The animal(s) must be found clinically healthy on arrival at the port of entry.
3. **All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, Laboratory Test results,**

**etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance. Failure to comply can result in animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**

4. The Veterinary Unit must be given at least 48 hrs. notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This is to avoid delay in the clearance of the animal(s) at the port of entry.
5. In the event that during the course of transporting the animal, it was trans-shipped via another country and remained there for twenty-four (24) hours and over, a veterinary certificate from the competent authority or from the quarantine Officer must be obtained stating that the said animal(s) did not leave the quarantine area, noting the period of time in quarantine and the condition of the animal.
6. Animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry into the territory. Failure to do so can result in entry being denied.

**\* An Official Health Certificate is a document issued and certified by a veterinarian working full time with the Government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). It is deemed valid for 30days after the date of issue.**

These conditions are subject to changes. Kindly ensure that you obtain an import permit for all animals you wish to bring into the Territory.