

§ 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 appear 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 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