

**Subpart A—Ruminant and Swine Embryos from Regions Free of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease; and Embryos of Horses and Asses**

**§ 98.2 Definitions.**

The following terms, when used in this subpart, shall be construed as defined. Those terms used in the singular form in this subpart shall be construed as the plural form and vice versa, as the case may demand.

*Administrator.* The Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or any person authorized to act for the Administrator.

*Animal.* Any cattle, sheep, goats, other ruminants, swine, horses, or asses.

*Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.* The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS).

*Approved artificial insemination center.* A facility approved or licensed by the national government of the region in which the facility is located to collect and process semen under the general supervision of such government.

*Approved embryo transfer unit.* A facility approved or licensed by the national government of the region in which the facility is located for the artificial insemination of donor dams or for conception as a result of artificial breeding by a donor sire and for collecting and processing embryos for export under the general supervision of such government.

*Department.* The United States Department of Agriculture.

*Embryo.* The initial stage of an animal's development after collection from the natural mother, while it is capable of being transferred to a recipient dam, but not including an embryo that has been transferred to a recipient dam.

*Enter (entered, entry) into the United States.* To introduce into the commerce of the United States after release from governmental detention at the port of entry.

*Flock.* A herd.

*Herd.* All animals maintained on any single premises; and all animals under common ownership or supervision on

two or more premises which are geographically separated, but among which there is an interchange or movement of animals.

*Import (imported, importation) into the United States.* To bring into the territorial limits of the United States.

*Inspector.* An employee of APHIS who is authorized to perform the function involved.

*Person.* Any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, joint stock company, or any other legal entity.

*Region.* Any defined geographic land area identifiable by geological, political, or surveyed boundaries. A region may consist of any of the following:

- (1) A national entity (country);
- (2) Part of a national entity (zone, county, department, municipality, parish, Province, State, etc.);
- (3) Parts of several national entities combined into an area; or
- (4) A group of national entities (countries) combined into a single area.

*United States.* All of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States and all other territories and possessions of the United States.

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**§ 98.3 General conditions.**

Except as provided in subpart B of this part, an animal embryo shall not be imported into the United States unless it is from a region listed in § 94.1(a)(2) of this chapter as being free of rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease, and:

(a) The embryo is exported to the United States from the region in which it was conceived;

(b) The embryo was conceived as a result of artificial insemination with semen collected from a donor sire at an approved artificial insemination center, or the embryo as conceived as a result of natural breeding by a donor sire at an approved embryo transfer unit;

(c) If artificially inseminated, the donor dam conceived the embryo after