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Conditions of importation for cattle

The permit is issued subject to the conditions stated below. The Veterinary Authority of the BVI reserves the right to render this permit void at any time, when in its judgment, such is deemed necessary.

- 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, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, Peste Des Petits Ruminants, Blue Tongue, Rabies, Contagious Pleuropneumonia, Rinderpest or other serious infectious diseases affecting cattle for a period of at least twenty-four months immediately prior to shipment.
 - b) The cattle were examined and found to be in good health and free from symptoms of infectious diseases; that they were selected from farms with no reports of clinical Leptospirosis, Anthrax, Brucellosis, Tuberculosis and Paratuberculosis.
 - c) Animal(s) must be tested negative for Tuberculosis and Brucellosis within 30 days prior to exportation.
 - d) Animal(s) was/were treated for internal and external parasites with appropriate pharmaceuticals, including insect vectors.
 - e) That animal(s) was/were kept in a facility frequently visited by a veterinarian and certified to be of acceptable standards.
- 2) In transit to the port of exportation, the cattle have not passed through any area in which Foot and Mouth disease or other contagious and infectious diseases has occurred within six months prior to the date of exportation.

- 3) That cattle have undergone a period of quarantine of not less than thirty days at a specified export quarantine station in the country of origin immediately prior to exportation.
- 4) With Blue Tongue (BT) endemic countries, animal(s) must be kept in a quarantine station; BT free establishment for 40 days prior to the shipment and was/were subjected to diagnostic test for BT with negative results during this period.
- 5) Animal(s) must be found healthy on arrival.

All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health certificate, Vaccination certificate, Lab test results, etc.) must be presented at port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance and to avoid the otherwise unpleasant, but necessary measures such as animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.

The Veterinary Division must be given at least 24 hrs notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This will facilitate unnecessary delays, and avoid detention of animal (s) for Veterinary clearance at port of entry.