



IMPORTATION OF PIGS

Conditions for Importation:

- (1) Animal(s) must be accompanied by a **health certificate** issued by the ***veterinary authority** of the country of origin stating:
 - (a) That the country of origin is free of Foot and Mouth Disease, Vesicular Stomatitis, Swine Vesicular Disease, African Swine Fever, Hog Cholera and Aujeszky's Disease.
 - (b) That the area of origin has been free from Rabies, Anthrax, Swine Erysipelas, Atrophic Rhinitis, Transmissible Gastroenteritis and Enteroviral Encephalomyelitis.
 - (c) That the pig(s) was/were born and raised in the country for which this permit has been granted.
 - (d) That the pig(s) originated from farms free of Tuberculosis and Brucellosis or, have been tested negatively within thirty (30) days before export and there have been no clinical cases of Leptospirosis on the farm during ninety (90) days before exportation.
 - (e) That the pig(s) were treated against internal and external parasites within fourteen (14) days of exportation.
 - (f) That the pig(s) was/were found to be clinically healthy with no signs of infectious or contagious diseases at or about the day of exportation.
- (2) Pig(s) must be found clinically healthy on arrival.
- (3) **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 the port of entry to facilitate veterinary clearance and to avoid the otherwise unpleasant, but necessary measures such as animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**
- (4) **The Veterinary Division must be given at least 24 hours notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and the port of entry. This will facilitate unnecessary delays and avoid detention of animal(s) for veterinary clearance at the port of entry. Therefore, the granting of permits for the animal(s) to be presented for inspection to enter the Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry.**
- (5) All animal(s) must be kept in confinement (carrier) until granted entry into the Territory. Failure to do so can cause entry of animal(s) being denied.
- (6) Upon submission of the application, the specified fee schedule will be applied.

***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.). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a government veterinarian.**

Please be advised, these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, the granting of permission for animals to enter the Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry. It is your responsibility to contact the Veterinary Division, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to confirm these conditions are current.

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