

## Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Bovine Serum

(In case of any discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern.)

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1. The importer shall apply for an import permit from the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine prior to import.
2. The disease-free countries as stated in this requirements refers to a country that has been recognized by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan as free of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, and bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
3. The imported bovine serum shall be in compliance with the following requirements:
  - (1) The serum is derived from cattle born and raised in a disease-free country.
  - (2) The serum is derived from cattle which have passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection by competent authority of the country of origin.
  - (3) The serum is processed in a premise which is under the supervision of the exporting country and the premise processes sera only from the disease-free countries.
  - (4) The serum has been filtered through filter of 0.22  $\mu$  m or less, or has been irradiated with -ray at the dose of 25 kGray (2.5MRad), and has been tested and found free from mycoplasma, bovine viral diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, and bluetongue.
4. The imported bovine serum shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country and the certificate shall state the following detailed information in English:
  - (1) Product name, quantity, and lot number.
  - (2) Country of origin of cattle.
  - (3) Name, registration number, address, and country of serum processing premise.
  - (4) Destination including country, name and address of importer.
  - (5) Results of quarantine inspection attesting that the health status of the imported bovine serum is in conformity with Article 3 of the Requirements.
  - (6) Date, place, authority of issuance of the certificate, official stamp, and the name and signature of the veterinary officer.
5. A sample copy of veterinary certificate and official stamp from the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country shall be submitted for approval by the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine of this country.
6. These requirements may not apply to the exporting countries which have signed with this country bilateral agreements that include the relevant quarantine requirements.