§ 91.15 Inspection of animals for export.

(a) All animals offered for exportation to any foreign country, except by land to Mexico or Canada, shall be inspected within 24 hours of embarkation by an APHIS veterinarian at an export inspection facility at a port listed as a designated port of embarkation in accordance with §91.14(a), or at a port or inspection facility designated by the Administrator in a special case under §91.14(b).

(b) Such animals shall be held for a period of not less than 5 hours at the port of embarkation or export inspection facility during which time the animals shall be given a careful visual health inspection. Sorting, grouping, identification, or other handling of the animals shall be subject to the approval of the inspector. Approval shall be granted by the inspector if he finds that such arrangements will not permit the dissemination of communicable diseases of livestock to the animals in the export shipment.

(7) Testing and treatment. Testing and treatment of animals in export inspection facilities shall be performed by an accredited veterinarian under the supervision of an APHIS veterinarian. Tests related to APHIS animal disease programs shall be performed in accordance with the Recommended Brucellosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules.

(8) Location. The arrangement and location of the facilities shall provide for the isolation of all animals in the facility from contact with any other animals. Isolation of separate export shipments in the facility shall be at the discretion of the inspector.

(9) Disposal of animal wastes. The application for approval of an export inspection facility shall be accompanied by a certification from the authorities having jurisdiction over environmental affairs in the locality of the facility stating that the facility complies with the applicable State and local regulations or ordinances and the requirements, if any, of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, regarding disposal of animal wastes.

(10) Lighting. The facility shall be equipped with artificial lighting to provide not less than 70 foot candle power in the inspection area and not less than 40 foot candle power in the remainder of the facility.

(11) Office and rest room. A suitable office and adequate rest room facilities shall be provided at the export inspection facility site for use of the inspectors. The facility must have a working telephone.

(12) Walkways. Facilities where horses are inspected must have walkways in front of horse stalls wide enough to allow APHIS personnel to safely remove horses from the stalls for inspection, if necessary.

(d) Approval and denial or revocation of approval. Approval of each export inspection facility under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section will be denied or revoked for failure to meet the standards in paragraph (c) of this section. Designated ports of embarkation and export facilities shall be reevaluated annually, by means of an APHIS site inspection, for continued compliance with the standards contained in paragraph (c) of this section. If the port or facility fails to pass the annual inspection, its designation will be revoked and it will be removed from the list of designated ports and facilities. A written notice of any proposed denial or revocation shall be given to the operator of the facility, and he or she will be given an opportunity to present his or her views thereon. Such notice shall list in detail the deficiencies concerned. After remedying the deficiencies, an operator may request another inspection. Approval of a port of embarkation in connection with the designation of an export inspection facility in special cases shall be limited to the special case for which the designation was made.

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animals by the exporter may be before
or after this period of time. If indi-
individual clinical inspection of an animal
is deemed necessary by an APHIS vet-
erinarian for the purpose of deter-
mining its health status, such inspec-
tion may be made during this period of
time or thereafter.

(c) Feed and water. All animals shall
be allowed a period of at least 5 hours
for rest at the export inspection facil-
ity, with adequate feed and water
available, before movement to an
ocean vessel or aircraft for loading for
export. (This may be the same period
required by paragraph (b) for health in-
spection.) However, feed and water will
not be required if the animals were
transported to the export inspection fa-
cility in a carrier in which adequate
feed and water were provided and if suf-
ficient evidence is presented to an
APHIS veterinarian that the animals,
if under 30 days of age, will arrive in
the country of destination within 24
hours after they were last fed and wa-
tered, in the United States, or in the
case of other animals within 36 hours
after they were last fed and watered in
the United States.

§ 91.17 Accommodations for humane
treatment of animals on ocean ves-
sels.

(a) The owner or operator of an ocean
vessel carrying animals from the
United States to a foreign country
shall provide, for such animals, feed
and water, space, ventilation, fittings,
and other facilities aboard the carrier
as set forth in this part. For animals
embarked for a voyage which will be of
more than 36 hours duration, there
shall be provided to the satisfaction of
the inspector sufficient amounts of
suitable feed and fresh water, and prop-
er accommodations shall be provided
on board for storage and distribution of
the water and feed. The feed shall not
be exposed to the weather at sea. How-
ever, such feed and water shall not be
required if it is determined by the
APHIS veterinarian that the animals,
if under 30 days of age will arrive in the
country of destination within 24 hours
after they were last fed and watered in
the United States, or, in the case of
other animals, within 36 hours after
they were last fed and watered in the
United States.

(b) Owners, masters, or operators of
such vessels shall not accept for trans-
portation any animal that in the judg-
ment of the APHIS veterinarian is in
an unfit condition to withstand the rig-
ors of such transportation. Further, no
animal intended for export shall be
placed aboard any ocean vessel, unless
in the opinion of the inspector the
loading arrangements, fittings, ven-
tilation systems, and the arrangements
provided by the vessel for their use rea-
sonably assure arrival of a viable ani-
mal in the country of destination.
Halters, ropes, or other suitable equip-
ment provided for the handling and
tyng of horses shall be found to be sat-
sfactory by the APHIS veterinarian to
assure humane treatment of the ani-

§ 91.16 Certification of animals for ex-
port.

If, upon inspection by an APHIS vet-
erinarian at the export inspection fa-
cility, the animals offered for export
are found to be sound, healthy, and free
from evidence of communicable disease
or exposure thereto, an export certifi-
cate, VS Form 17–37, shall be issued by
said APHIS veterinarian and shall con-
tain a statement to that effect.

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