

Obtaining and Revalidation of the Certificate of Brucellosis-Free Herd in Animals

Requirements for obtaining the certificate

- For dairy and dual purpose cattle. In the case of cattle, sheep and goats, three diagnostic tests with negative results must be performed on all cattle older than six months never before vaccinated, carried out with intervals between 60 and 90 days between each test.
- For beef cattle. In the case of cattle, goats and sheep for smooth species, two diagnostic tests with negative results must be performed on all cattle older than six months never vaccinated before. The time that must elapse to perform the second test must be between 3 to 10 months after the performance of the first test.
- For *Brucella ovis* (male sheep). In the case of male sheep, two negative diagnostic tests should be performed on all males older than 8 months present in the flock. The time to perform the second test should be between 3 to 10 months after the first test.

Requirements for revalidation

- Demonstrate with documentation that the animals entering the farm or integrated to the herd, in the last 14 months, were negative to any official diagnostic test, were vaccinated (when applicable), or come from a free herd, from a zone in eradication or free of brucellosis.
- Perform a diagnostic test with negative results within a period not exceeding 30 days, before or after the expiration date of the certificate.

- The diagnostic test will be performed in cattle, on entire males older than 6 months and females older than 22 months.
- In the case of goats and sheep for smooth species, revalidation will be done by means of diagnostic testing of entire males older than 6 months and females older than 14 months of age.
- In the case of sheep for *B. ovis*, revalidation will be done by diagnostic testing of males older than eight months.