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Report Highlights:

On August 6, 2012, the Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH) of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Agriculture agreed to the proposed USDA veterinary health certificates for export of bovine embryos and bovine semen to Sri Lanka.

General Information:

On August 6, 2012, following bilateral discussions, the Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH) of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Agriculture granted market access to U.S.-origin bovine embryos and semen. The proposed U.S. veterinary health certificate for bovine semen was accepted upon inclusion of a clause assuring freedom from two diseases, enzootic bovine leucosis (EBL) and blue tongue (BT).

The veterinary health certificates for export of bovine embryos and bovine semen to Sri Lanka are available on the website of USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service at:

- [Bovine semen health certificate](#) - August 2012
- [Bovine embryos health certificate](#) - August 2012

Sri Lanka plans to achieve self sufficiency in its dairy sector by 2015. To achieve this, Sri Lanka must increase current milk production by 300 percent by 2015. In order to increase milk production threefold, the Sri Lankan government has emphasized genetic improvement strategies, including import of semen, live animals and embryos for a government breeding program and facilitating the same by the private sector as part of the Ministry of Agriculture's Livestock Master Plan. In this context, DAPH's granting of market access to U.S.-origin bovine semen and embryos not only opens a new market for the United States but will also help to strengthen the Sri Lankan dairy sector.