

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
VETERINARY SERVICES

**AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT THE OFFICIAL HISTOPATHOLOGY  
EXAMINATION FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF  
SCRAPIE IN SHEEP AND GOATS AND BOVINE SPONGIFORM  
ENCEPHALOPATHY IN CATTLE**

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the following:  
(Laboratory Director)

- A. The person(s) responsible for evaluation of tissues and final diagnosis shall have completed training in the diagnosis of spongiform encephalopathies of ruminants at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) or at training sessions approved by the Director of the NVSL.
- B. Proficiency tests will be completed satisfactorily as a part of the course and periodic post training proficiency testing will be required.
- C. Preparation and examination of tissues shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent protocol for this examination as provided by the NVSL.
- D. All results of tests conducted shall be reported to State and Federal Animal Health Officials in the State of testing and in the State in which the animals were sampled.
- E. A final histopathologic diagnosis of bovine spongiform encephalopathy must be confirmed by the NVSL.

**It is understood that if the person(s) trained to conduct the official histopathology examination is (are) no longer available to conduct this test, the laboratory will lose its approval.**

1. REMARKS

2. LABORATORY NAME AND ADDRESS

3. TRAINED PERSON(S)

4. LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

5. DATE