

EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN OF UNITED KINGDOM (UK) ORIGIN TO ISLE OF MAN

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

Associated Documents: 5723EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5723EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5723EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. Scope

Export health certificate 5723EHC may be used for the export of bovine semen collected at EC Approved Semen Collection Centres from the United Kingdom to Isle of Man. The export health certificate 5700EHC should be used for the export of semen not of United Kingdom origin.

2. Council Directive 88/407/EEC

The certifying veterinarians must be conversant with the provisions of Council Directive 88/407/EEC (and any subsequent amendments), which lays down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of bovine species.

3. IBR/IBV

If paragraph IV 3 cannot be certified, then it should be deleted and one of the options at paragraph IV 4 must be certified. Option IV 4 iii), is no longer valid for semen collected on or after 31/12/1998 and should therefore be deleted in case of semen collected on or after that date (Article 3(d) of Directive 88/407/EEC (as amended) refers.)

4. Bluetongue

Great Britain is officially free from bluetongue from 05 July 2011 so does not have to meet the additional requirements set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007. However, in case of semen, ova and embryos collected between 03 August 2007 and 05 July 2011, the donors need to be tested and certified as they would have been collected whilst GB was in a restricted zone. Detailed information is available on Defra website:
<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/animaltrade/traces/pdf/bluetongue-nfg.pdf>

5. Counter signature

After completion of Section IV by the Authorised Veterinary Surgeon (AVS) at the Semen Collection Centre, the completed health certificate must be presented to the local Animal Health office (by prior arrangement), for completion of Section V by a Veterinary Officer of the Department. The Veterinary Officer must be familiar with the operation of the Semen Collection Centre and refer to official records before the certificate can be signed.

6. **Completion of the health certificate**

Certifying officers must complete, sign, stamp and date the export health certificate in ink of any colour **other than black**.

7. **Retention and return of copies of health certificates**

The AVS for the semen centre should retain a copy of the signed certificate for his/her records. The countersigning Veterinary Officer must ensure that a certified copy of the completed countersigned certificate is returned to Animal Health, SSC Exports, Carlisle within 7 days of signing, and should also retain a local record copy.

8. **Transportation**

During transport, and on arrival in Isle of Man, the semen must not come into contact with semen not certified to the same health status.

9. **Import conditions**

Exporters should be aware of the following conditions as required by the competent authority of Isle of Man:

- i. The consignment of semen must be accompanied during transport by full EU health certification in accordance with 88/407/EEC (as amended) (paragraph 2 above refers). (For exports from UK, the 5723EHC performs this function as it certifies compliance with 88/407/EEC).
- ii. The official EU health certification must be presented to, and approved by an Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry before removal of the semen from Ronaldsway airport.
- iii. The outside of the container must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected prior to removal from Ronaldsway airport.
- iv. The semen referred to above must be conveyed direct to the destination specified in the import licence and not removed therefrom except by an Authorised Officer of the Department.
- v. The consignment of semen must be accompanied by either an original or a copy of an import licence issued by the competent authority of Isle of Man.
- vi. An import licence is required which is valid for 28 days from the date of issue unless previously revoked on animal health grounds. (enter import licence number at paragraph III e) of the export health certificate).

10. **Disclaimer**

This certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time and may not necessarily comply fully with the requirements of the importing country. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country. If these do not match, the exporter should contact the Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>

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