

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO THE ISLE OF MAN - 6627EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

1. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Any Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or the National Assembly for Wales may sign the export health certificate as an Official Veterinarian.

The Centre Veterinarian may sign the certificate as an Official Veterinarian provided they have been appointed to the appropriate export panel. In order to be eligible for appointment to the export panel, the Centre Veterinarian must not directly employed by, or derive their sole or principal income from, the company for which they are carrying out export health certification, nor have any major financial interest in connection with the company.

LVIs should affix the 'Official Veterinarian' stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

If the Centre Veterinarian is not eligible for appointment to sign the certificate as an Official Veterinarian, arrangements must be made to ensure that the certificate is signed by either:

- (a) an LVI appointed to the appropriate panel; **or**
- (b) a Veterinary Officer of the State Veterinary Service.

In either case, the certifying Official Veterinarian must be provided with appropriate support documentation (pre-export certificate signed by the Centre Veterinarian) to enable signature of the final export certificate.

For the purposes of these notes for guidance, reference to the Official Veterinarian shall also apply to the Centre Veterinarian completing the appropriate pre-export certificate.

2. COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 90/429/EEC

The semen collection centre must be approved by DEFRA in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended). The certifying Official Veterinarian must be fully conversant with the provisions of Council Directive 90/429/EEC (and any subsequent amendments), which lays down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in the imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species.

Paragraphs V(a)-(c) describe the requirements for serological testing, pre-entry quarantine and routine testing of donor boars, together with conditions for collection, treatment and storage of semen as laid down in Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended).

The certificate may be signed by the Official Veterinarian provided the outcome of routine inspections of the centre, as required under the Directive, are satisfactory and the centre continues to meet Directive requirements.

3. COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE AND RETURN OF COPY TO THE DVM

The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp the health certificate in an ink of any colour other than black. A copy of this certificate must be sent to the Local Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of signing.

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