

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO NIGERIA - 7234EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7234EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7234EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 7234EHC may be used for the export of fresh/frozen porcine semen from the United Kingdom to Nigeria.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

This certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or a Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government Rural Directorate, the Welsh Assembly Government Department for Rural Affairs or by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARD), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate export panel for export purposes.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Health Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Dundonald House, Belfast.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. IMPORT PERMIT

The exporter/agent should be aware of the requirements of the importing country particularly with respect to the requirement for an import permit.

Prior to making arrangements to export porcine semen, exporters are advised to contact the veterinary authorities of Nigeria for the latest advice regarding any import documentation that may be required.

4. SCHEDULES

Parts I and II of the certificate refer. If necessary, separate schedules may be used to identify the donor boars / porcine semen certified. Schedules must contain the same information as that required in Parts I and II and Parts I and II must be annotated "See attached schedule" as appropriate.

Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the OV.

Schedules must be stapled inside the health certificate and the OV should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in Parts I and II must be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 90/429/EEC (as amended)

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

This certificate has been drafted in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Directive for pre-entry quarantine, pre-entry testing and routine testing of donor boars, together with collection, processing and packaging of porcine semen.

With the exception of paragraph V(h) (i) regarding the required period of residency of donor boars in the semen collection centre, all remaining paragraphs of ****EHC may be certified on the basis that the centre operates in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended).

6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE (FORM 618NDC)

Paragraph V(b) refers. OVs may certify this paragraph on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the local Animal Health Divisional Office (or equivalent in Northern Ireland).

7. RESIDENCY PERIOD

Paragraph IV(h) (i) refers. The certifying OV should check appropriate movement records to verify that the donor boars meet the residency requirement of this paragraph.

The OV may also wish the operator of the collection centre to provide a signed statement as additional verification of residency.

8. OMISSION OF PARAGRAPH V '(i)'

The omission of a paragraph V(i) is deliberate to avoid any confusion between the letter 'i' used alphabetically and 'i' used as a Roman numeral in sub-paragraphs.

9. DISCLAIMER

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 Animal Health Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle via the link below:

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

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