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EXPORT OF \*FRESH / \*FROZEN PORCINE SEMEN TO THE ISLAND OF ST. HELENA  
 HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
 EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM  
 FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Information concerning the donor boar(s) and semen

Breed	Identification of boar	Date of semen collection	Number of straws	Identification of straws #

# Explanation of date code:.....  
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II. Place of collection of the semen

- a) Name and address of semen collection centre:  
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- b) Registration number:.....
- c) Name and address of owner of the donor boar(s):  
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**III. Destination of the semen**

- a) Name and address of exporter:  
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- b) Name and address of consignee:  
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- c) Means of transportation (including registration number of vehicle, flight number of aircraft or name of ship, plus date):  
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- d) Import Permit No: .....

**IV. Health Information**

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, certify that:

- (a) the semen described above was collected, processed, packaged and stored in a semen collection centre approved by the competent veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom, which is under official veterinary control and operates in accordance with the conditions laid down in EU Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended);
- (b) the United Kingdom is free from classical swine fever, African swine fever, foot and mouth disease, swine vesicular disease, vesicular stomatitis and rabies (excluding European bat lyssavirus) in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;
- (c) no cases of transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE) have been recorded in the United Kingdom since 1999;
- (d) there have been no recorded cases of Nipah virus encephalitis or teschovirus encephalomyelitis (enterovirus encephalomyelitis, Teschen disease) in the United Kingdom;
- (e) all donor boars entering the approved semen collection centre were subjected to a period of quarantine of at least 30 days in officially approved accommodation where only animals having at least the same health status were present;
- (f) prior to entering the quarantine accommodation at paragraph IV(e) above, the donor boars originated from herds or holdings:
  - (i) which are officially free of brucellosis in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;
  - (ii) in which no animal vaccinated against foot and mouth disease has been present on the holding in the preceding 12 months;
  - (iii) in which no clinical evidence of Aujeszky's disease has been detected in the preceding 12 months;
  - (iv) which are not situated in a restricted area defined under the provisions of EU Community legislation due to the emergence of a disease in domestic pigs;
  - (v) and were not previously kept in any herd of a lower status;

- (g) before the period of quarantine specified in paragraph IV(e) above and within the previous 30 days, blood samples taken from the donor boars were subjected to the following tests with negative results:
- (i) brucellosis - buffered brucella antigen test (BBAT);
  - (ii) Aujeszky's disease - serum neutralisation test (SNT) or whole virus enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (gB ELISA);
  - (iii) classical swine fever - SNT or ELISA;
- \* the tests referred to in this paragraph were carried out in the quarantine accommodation and the results known before the beginning of the 30 days quarantine period laid down in paragraph IV(e) above;
- (h) during the last 15 days of the period of quarantine of at least 30 days specified in paragraph IV(e) above, blood samples taken from the donor boars were subjected to the following tests with negative results:
- (i) brucellosis - BBAT;
  - (ii) Aujeszky's disease - SNT or gB ELISA;
- (j) on the day of admission to the semen collection centre, the following conditions were met:
- (i) the donor boars showed no clinical sign of disease.
  - (ii) the donor boars were transported directly from quarantine accommodation which, on the day of consignment, officially fulfilled the following conditions:
    - it was not situated in a restricted area defined under the provisions of EU Community legislation due to the emergence of a disease in domestic pigs;
    - no clinical, pathological or serological evidence of Aujeszky's disease had been recorded for the past 30 days;
  - \* (iii) in the case of donor boars that were transferred directly from another approved semen collection centre of equal health status, the animals in question did not come into direct or indirect contact with cloven-hoofed animals of a lower health status and the means of transport used was cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant before use;
- (k) blood samples are taken from all donor boars kept at the approved semen collection centre and subjected to the following tests with negative results:
- (i) brucellosis - BBAT;
  - (ii) Aujeszky's disease - SNT or gB ELISA;
  - (iii) classical swine fever - SNT or ELISA;

The above tests are carried out: **either**

- (i) on all animals when leaving the centre, but not later than 12 months after admission where they have not left the centre before this time; **or**
- (ii) on 25% of the animals in the centre every three months or according to a testing schedule at least equivalent to this requirement;

All animals are tested at least once during their stay at the centre and at least every 12 months if their stay exceeds a year;

- (l) in respect of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS):
- (i) the donor boars originate from herds free from clinical evidence of PRRS for the previous three years prior to the date of entry of the donor boars into the approved semen collection centre;
  - (ii) **either:**
    - \* (a) **in the case of fresh semen:** on .....(date), being within 30 days prior to the first collection of semen for export, blood samples were taken from the donor boars and submitted to an \*ELISA or \*immunoperoxidase monolayer assay (IPMA) for PRRS with negative results in each case; **or**

**\*(b) in the case of frozen semen:** on .....(date), being more than 14 days after the final collection of semen for export, blood samples were taken from the donor boars and submitted to an **\*ELISA** or **\*IPMA** for PRRS with negative results in each case;

(m) all the above mentioned tests have been carried out at laboratories officially approved by the competent veterinary authority;

(n) the semen for export was obtained from donor boars which:  
(i) on the day the semen was collected showed no clinical signs of any disease capable of being transmitted through semen;  
(ii) have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease;  
(iii) satisfy the requirements of paragraphs IV(e)-(l) above;  
(iv) were not allowed to serve naturally;  
(v) were kept in semen collection centres which were not situated in a restricted area designated under the provisions of EU Community legislation relating to contagious diseases in domestic pigs;  
(vi) were kept in semen collection centres which, during the 30-day period immediately prior to collection, were free from Aujeszky's disease.

(o) the semen for export was:

(i) treated with a mixture of antibiotics, in particular against leptospire and mycoplasmas, to produce an effect in the final dilution at least equivalent to the following:  
not less than: 500 µg of streptomycin per ml;  
500 IU of penicillin per ml;  
150 µg of lincomycin per ml;  
300 µg of spectinomycin per ml.

Immediately after the addition of the antibiotics, the diluted semen was kept at a temperature of at least 15°C for not less than 45 minutes;

(ii) placed into a flask which has been cleaned and disinfected, or sterilised before use, and containing a cryogenic agent not previously used for other products of animal origin;

(iii) sealed under official veterinary control before export and sent to the place of loading in sealed containers under conditions which comply with the provisions of EU Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended) **\*** and the current regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Official Seal No(s): .....

**\* Delete if not applicable**

**Official Stamp**

**Signed** ..... **RCVS**  
**Official Veterinarian**

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**Name in block letters**

**Date** .....

**Address** .....  
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