

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO VIETNAM - 4807EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF AUTHORISED VETERINARY SURGEONS AND EXPORTERS

1. IMPORT PERMIT

British exporters and Vietnamese importers will need to obtain an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Department of Animal Health (DAH) for the export / import of porcine semen from the UK to Vietnam. Contacts details for further guidance are as follows:

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Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
2 Ngoc Ha St, Hanoi
Tel: +(84-4) 7341228
Fax: +(84-4) 8433637
Website: www.mard.gov.vn
Contact person: Mr Hoang Kim Giao, Deputy Director

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Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Phuong Mai, Dong Da, Hanoi
Tel: +(84-4) 8696788 / 8687151
Fax: +(84-4) 8691311 / 8686339
Email: dah.vn@fpt.vn
Website: www.mard.gov.vn/dah
Contact person: Mr Pham Van Dong, Chief of Animal Inspection & Quarantine Section
email: dongdah@yahoo.com

2. SIGNATURE AND COMPLETION OF CERTIFICATE

The completed certificate must be signed and dated and stamped by the supervising Authorised Veterinary Surgeon (AVS) of the semen collection centre in ink of any colour other than black.

After signature, the certificate must be taken to the local Animal Health Divisional Office (AHDO) for completion of paragraph VI by a Whole Time Veterinary Officer (WTV) of Defra or DARDNI.

4. OFFICIAL DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraphs V(a) and V(b) refer. Official Veterinarians may certify country freedom for the diseases listed at these paragraphs provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the local Animal Health Divisional Office on form 618NDC.

3. COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 90/429/EEC

Paragraphs V(c), V(h) and V(i) refer. The Semen Collection Centre must be approved by DEFRA or DARDNI in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC as amended. The certifying Authorised Veterinary Surgeon / 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.

6. **PREMISES FREEDOM FROM OTHER DISEASES**

Paragraphs V(d) and V(f) refer. Official Veterinarians / Authorised Veterinary Surgeons should take into account their personal knowledge of the disease status of the premises of origin of the donor boars (i.e. the premises where the donor boars were resident and the premises where the pre-entry quarantine period was carried out) in the 12 months prior to the donor boars entering the semen collection centre.

Certifying Veterinarians should also carry out appropriate checks of the farm records including use of medicines, fertility and birth records (as appropriate) to verify freedom from the named diseases.

If the Official Veterinarian / Authorised Veterinary Surgeon is not familiar with the status of the premises of origin of the donor boars, a declaration must be obtained from the veterinary surgeon supervising the said premises, confirming that the requirements for freedom from the diseases laid down in paragraph IV(d) have been met.

7. **RESIDENCY OF THE ANIMALS**

Paragraph V(e) refers. The certifying Official Veterinarian / Authorised Veterinary Surgeon should check the appropriate movement records and may wish to obtain a written declaration by the owner of the animals confirming that the conditions of this paragraph have been met.

6. **TESTING AT GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES**

In Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) Laboratory, Weybridge (Tel: 01932 375335). Some tests are carried out at VLA Lasswade Unit (Tel: 0131 4456169). Certain specialist tests are performed at Regional VLA laboratories.

In Northern Ireland, the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Sciences Division, Stormont, Belfast (Tel: 028 9052 0011)

For operational reasons the laboratories involved may change periodically. If in doubt, VLA or VSD should be contacted to establish to which laboratory samples should be sent for testing and to obtain advice on procedures for collection and dispatch of samples for testing. Samples should be submitted in good time to allow reports to be received in advance of the export date.

7. **TESTING REGIME**

Blood sampling of donor boars for the diseases described at paragraph IV(g) may be carried out **either** on all donor boars within six months of collection of semen **or** carried out on 25% of donor boars every three months.

8. **RETURN OF COPY OF THE EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

A certified copy of the completed and signed health certificate must be sent within seven days to the Divisional Veterinary Manager.

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