

EXPORT OF IN-VIVO BOVINE EMBRYOS TO ARGENTINA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE AUTHORISED VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTER

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6687EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6687EHC. 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.

Associated Documents: 6687EHC, 6687NFG, 618NDC and 372DMR.

SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

1. The certificate 6687EHC covers the export of in-vivo bovine embryos to Argentina.

CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

2. This certificate may be signed by a Veterinary officer of the Department or a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD), National Assembly For Wales Agricultural Department (NAWAD) or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) or Divisional Veterinary Officer in NI (DVO-NI) within seven days of issue. OVs should keep a copy for his/her own records.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

3. Paragraph V a) i) refer: This paragraph may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided written authority from your local Animal Health Divisional Office (AHDO) has been received on form 618NDC.

OTF (TUBERCULOSIS FREE) STATUS

4. Paragraph V a) ii) refer: The herd must be officially free of tuberculosis. This means that the herds, and individual animals in the herds, must not be under any official tuberculosis related restrictions at the time of collection. This includes, whole herd

restrictions (TB2) served e.g. following the discovery of reactors, or individual animal restrictions (TB34) served e.g. following the discovery of inconclusive reactors, or any other TB-related restrictions served e.g because routine herd tests are overdue or because of zero tolerance. Official Veterinarians should contact their DVM to confirm the herd status with respect to these disease.

Disclaimer

5. 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 International Animal Health Service Delivery Unit (IAHSDU) via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>