

EXPORT OF OVINE/CAPRINE SEMEN TO THE ISLE OF MAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

1. Scope

The Isle of Man requires compliance with EU legislation and certificates 6984EHC and 7375EHC have been drawn up to mirror the Intra trade Animal Health Certificates (ITAHC) for the export of semen collected after 31 August 2010 and before 1 September 2010, respectively, as follows:

- 6984EHC reflects (model health certificate IIIA from [Decision 2010/470/EC](#)): This is for germplasm collected after 31 August 2010 and being dispatched from the centre at which it was collected.
- 7375EHC reflects (model health certificate IIIB from [Decision 2010/470/EC](#)): This is for germplasm collected before 01 September 2010 and being dispatched from the centre at which it was collected.

Certifying Official Veterinarians may therefore follow the guidance for intra-EU trade in ovine/caprine semen at the following link and make use of the supporting documentation provided to sign these certificates:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/animaltrade/traces/sheepdocs.htm>

The guidance (see above link) focuses on Part A, and assumes that semen collected before 1 September 2010 complied with the requirements of [Directive 92/65/EC](#), before the amendments introduced by Decision 2010/470/EC came into force on 1 September 2010, and that Part B can be signed for such semen without any further guidance, other than contained in the check-list Ovine-Caprine-Semen-CKL.

Bluetongue (paragraph 13.2 refers):

Great Britain (GB) is officially free from **bluetongue from 5 July 2011** so does not have to meet the additional requirement set out in Commission Regulation (EC) no 1266/2007. However, in the case of semen, ova and embryos collected between 3 August 2007 and 5 July 2011, the donor need to be tested and certified as they would have been collected whilst GB was in a restricted zone. Detailed information is available on Defra website:

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/animaltrade/traces/pdf/bluetongue-nfg.pdf>

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government Rural Directorate, the Welsh Government or by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland, 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 and Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle within seven days of signing.

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

3. Disclaimer

This 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 Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

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