

EXPORT OF OVINE AND CAPRINE SEMEN TO KENYA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV's) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6528EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6528EHC.

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. They should obtain an import permit from the Kenyan authorities and check export certificate 6528EHC against the import permit.

If the health requirements do not match, the exporter may proceed with the export using certificate 6528EHC but strictly at the exporter's risk.

1. Scope of the Certificate

Export health certificate 6528EHC may be used for the export of ovine and caprine semen from the United Kingdom to Kenya.

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

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, 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. Schedules

Paragraph I refers: A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph I and paragraph I must be annotated "See attached schedule". 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 Official Veterinarian (OV).

The schedule 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 paragraph I must be deleted with diagonal lines.

4. Approval of the Semen Production Centre

Paragraphs II b) and IV 1.1 refer: The centre must be approved under Directive 92/65/EC for intra-community trade-

5. Import permit

Paragraph III.(d) refers: The import permit number should be given in the health certificate at paragraph III.(d).

Admission of animals to Centre

6. Paragraph IV 2.1 refers: Bespoke admission of animals is required for Kenya, as the assurances relating to the health status of the flocks/herds of origin are over and above those required in Directive 92/65/EC (e.g. for paratuberculosis, freedom is required for 2 years, as opposed to 1 year).
7. Paragraph IV 2.3 refers: Donors from which semen intended for export to Kenya is to be collected must be subjected to pre-entry quarantine/isolation for at least 30 days and tested for the diseases mentioned. During the period of isolation the donor animals must be isolated from animals not of the same health status. The veterinarian must ensure that the following guidelines are complied with:
 - a. The isolation accommodation must comprise an airspace separate from any airspace in which any other livestock are present, and be as remote as practicable from any other livestock.
 - b. The interior of the isolation building must be capable of being thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, and must be cleansed and disinfected using a Defra approved disinfectant immediately before the animal(s) are placed therein.
 - c. No drainage or effluent produced by/derived from other livestock may pass through the isolation accommodation.
 - d. Any person who requires to enter the isolation accommodation must first put on overalls and boots reserved exclusively for use in the isolation accommodation.
 - e. A footbath containing a Defra approved disinfectant, diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, must be located at the entrance. Any person entering must first wash and disinfect his/her boots using the footbath.
8. Negative comparative intradermal tuberculin test for tuberculosis in caprine animals means a reaction to bovine PPD tuberculin which is less than the reaction to avian PPD tuberculin when the test is read at 72 hours, the test being performed by injecting bovine and avian PPD tuberculins into the skin at the posterior aspect of the base of the right and left ear.
9. Paratuberculosis - Negative CFT means a titre less than 1/8.

10. Laboratory tests

The OV must ensure that any laboratory carrying out pre-export testing is officially approved for this purpose by Defra or DARD.

In Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) Laboratory, New Haw, Weybridge, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, (Tel: 01932 341111). Some tests are carried out at VLA Lasswade, Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 0PZ, (Tel: 0131 445 6169). Certain specialist tests are carried out at regional VLA laboratories.

In Northern Ireland, the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Sciences Division (VSD) Laboratory, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3SD (tel: 028 9052 0011).

For operational reasons however, the laboratories involved may change periodically. Accordingly, the OV is advised to check with the VLA or VSD to determine to which laboratories samples should be sent for testing. Samples should always be sent to the laboratory concerned sufficiently in advance of the export date to enable the tests to be carried out and reported. If in doubt as to the procedures for collection, the requirement for transport medium if any, dispatch of

samples and the length of time a test is likely to take, the OV should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

11. Sealing of the transport container

Paragraphs I.(c) and IV.5 refer: The semen must be secured within a cryogenic container by a tamperproof seal applied in such a way that the container cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The number on the seal must be entered at paragraph I.(c) on the health certificate.

If it is necessary to top up the container, the additional liquid nitrogen used must meet the requirements of the certificate (see paragraph IV.5.4). Topping up should be done in the presence of an Official Veterinarian (OV) who must apply a new tamperproof seal. The OV must endorse paragraph I.(c) on the health certificate with the new seal number, giving name and signature and dating and stamping the endorsement in the margin of the certificate in any ink colour **other than black**.

12. Notifiable disease clearance (form 618NDC)

Paragraph IV.,7. refers: OVs may certify paragraph IV.,7. 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).

13. 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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