

EXPORT / RE-EXPORT OF BOVINE EMBRYOS OF EU STATUS TO THE ISLE OF MAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1350EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1350EHC.

1. The certificate 1350EHC can be signed for bovine embryos produced in accordance with EU legislation, either in the UK, another MS of the EU or imported from a country outside the EU in accordance with EU legislation. The embryos must be stored in an EU approved storage centre throughout.

2. Bluetongue

On 5 July 2011, Great Britain was officially declared free from Bluetongue so donor animals do not have to meet the additional requirements set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007. However, in the case of semen, ova and embryos collected between 3 August 2007 and 05 July 2011, the donors need to be tested and certified as they would have been collected whilst GB was in a restricted zone. The [bluetongue NFG](#) provide further details, and these should be consulted to ensure the required deletions in the footnote are correctly made. If the bovine embryos are in-vivo derived, then tests are not required.

3. 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 or Welsh Government, 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**.

4. Notification

After certifying the consignment, the Official Veterinarian must ensure that a copy of the signed EHC is delivered or faxed or email to the issuing AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle on the same day on which it is signed, to enable the production of a notification message. If the consignment date/time of departure has changed significantly, or a different vehicle is used, the exporter must notify the issuing AHVLA office - as above.

5. Disclaimer

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

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/imports-exports/international-trade/http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>