

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICER

EXPORT TO NORTHERN IRELAND OF OVINE/CAPRINE SEMEN NOT ORIGINATING IN GREAT BRITAIN

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3051EHC or 7590EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificates 3051EHC and 7590EHC.

1. These certificate 3051EHC and 7590EHC 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:

- 3051EHC reflects (model health certificate IIIA from [Decision 2010/470/EC](#)): This is for germplasm collected after 31 August 2010 being dispatched from the centre at which it was collected.
- 7590EHC reflects (model health certificate IIIB from [Decision 2010/470/EC](#)): This is for germplasm collected before 01 September 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 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*.

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.

3. Completion of the Health Certificate

Certifying veterinarians must complete, sign, stamp and date the health certificate in ink of any colour other than black.

3051EHC and 7590EHC may only be signed by a veterinary surgeon approved by the Department For Environment, Food and Rural Affairs/ Scottish Government /Welsh Government, to be in charge of the Semen Collection Centre on which the consignment of semen was stored.

4. Countersignature of certificate

3051EHC and **7590EHC** should be countersigned by a Whole Time Veterinary Officer.

The completed, countersigned certificate must then accompany the consignment to its final destination.

5. Traces Messages

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

6. 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/>

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