

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO BARBADOS - 6267EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF AUTHORISED VETERINARY SURGEONS AND EXPORTERS

1. IMPORT PERMIT

The import conditions of Barbados require that an official Import Permit must be obtained prior to export from the Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, The Pine, St Michael, Barbados, Tel: +(246) 427-5073, Fax: +(246) 429-2143.

2. SIGNATURE AND COMPLETION OF CERTIFICATE

The completed certificate must be signed and dated and stamped by the supervising Authorised Veterinary Surgeon (AVS) in ink of any colour other than black.

After signature, the certificate must be taken to the local Animal Health Divisional Office (AHDO) for completion of paragraph **VI** by a Whole Time Veterinary Officer (WTVO) of Defra or DARDNI.

3. COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 90/429/EEC

The Semen Collection Centre must be approved by Defra or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland (DARDNI) in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended). The certifying Official Veterinarian must be fully conversant with the provisions of Council Directive 90/429/EEC (and any subsequent amendments), which lays down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in the imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species.

4. RESIDENCY IN THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE

Paragraph **V** (b) refers. This paragraph can be signed by the Official Veterinarian after due enquiry, including an inspection of the movement records for evidence of the duration of residency of the donor boars.

5. CLINICAL INSPECTION/EXAMINATION

Paragraph **V** (c) refers. The Official Veterinarian must carry out a clinical inspection of the donor boars within one week prior to the date of collection of the semen for export to Barbados.

6. TUBERCULIN TESTING OF DONOR BOARS

Paragraph **V** (d) refers. The donor boars must be tested for tuberculosis within the six months prior to the date of collection of the semen for export to Barbados.

The comparative intradermal test using avian and bovine PPD tuberculins should be carried out, although only the test result at the bovine site is applicable for export purposes.

Exporters and Official Veterinarians should note that tuberculin testing should not be repeated within 45 days of a previous tuberculin test. Before a pre-export test is carried out, the Official Veterinarian should make due enquiries to ascertain that the animals to be tested have not had a previous test within that period.

Tuberculin Testing Method

The preferable site is the loose skin at the base of each ear. Before proceeding with the test, both injection sites should be checked for the presence of any nodules resulting from previous injections or vaccinations. The site for the injection of avian PPD tuberculin should be the left ear, and the site for the injection of bovine PPD tuberculin should be the right ear.

Each site should be cleaned, the loose skin at the base of the ear raised into a fold and the skin thickness measurement recorded. Standard strength PPD (Weybridge), as issued for cattle, must be used and a dose of 0.1 ml injected intradermally into each raised fold taking care not to inject subcutaneously.

A useful aid for subsequently reading the test is, after cleaning, to draw a circle on the skin at each selected site with a black felt-tip pen and the injections are made within the encircled areas.

The owner or stockman who is in charge of the pigs must be advised to avoid giving injections to the pigs at the test sites between the initial and reading visits.

Any increase in skin thickness of more than 2mm at the site of injection or any oedema, necrosis or swelling of associated lymph nodes, should be regarded as a positive reaction. If any animal has a reaction at the bovine site greater than at the avian site, the DVM must be informed.

7. TESTING AT GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES

In Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) Laboratory, Weybridge (Tel: 01932 375 335). Some tests are carried out at VLA Lasswade Unit (Tel: 0131 445 6169). Certain specialist tests are performed at Regional VLA laboratories.

In Northern Ireland, the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Sciences Division, Stormont, Belfast (Tel: 028 9052 0011).

For operational reasons the laboratories involved may change periodically. If in doubt, VLA or VSD should be contacted to establish to which laboratory samples should be sent for testing and to obtain advice on procedures for collection and dispatch of samples for testing. Samples should be submitted in good time to allow reports to be received in advance of the export date.

8. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph V (i) refers. Official Veterinarians may certify country freedom for the diseases listed in this paragraph provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the local Animal Health Divisional Office on form EC618.

9. **DISCLAIMER**

The Department 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 Exports Strategy Branch of the International Animal Health Division at the address given below.

10. **RETURN OF COPY OF THE EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

A certified copy of the completed and signed health certificate must be sent within seven days to the Divisional Veterinary Manager.

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