

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO FALKLAND ISLANDS

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV's) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7155EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7155EHC.

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.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 7155EHC may be used for the export of fresh / frozen porcine semen from the United Kingdom to the Falkland Islands.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

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. OBTAINING AN IMPORT PERMIT

The exporter/agent should be aware of the requirements of the importing country particularly with respect to the requirement for an import permit. The import permit number should be given in the health certificate at paragraph IV. d).

4. SCHEDULES

Paragraph I refers: A separate schedule may be used to identify the porcine semen 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.

5. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 90/429/EEC (as amended)**

Paragraph V (a) refers: the Semen Collection Centre must be approved by DEFRA or DARD in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended). The certifying OV must check this by reference to written information from the Animal Health Agency in GB or DARD in Northern Ireland and provided by the operator of the Semen Collection Centre. The OV must be fully conversant with the provisions of Council Directive 90/429/EEC and any subsequent amendments, laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species.

This certificate has been drafted in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Directive for pre-entry quarantine, pre-entry testing and routine testing of donor boars, together with collection, processing and packaging of porcine semen.

All paragraphs with the exception of paragraphs V (k) and V (l) refer, with the exception of paragraphs V (b) and V (k), all remaining paragraphs can be certified on the basis that the collection centre operates in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended).

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE (FORM 618NDC)**

Paragraphs V (b), (d), (g) (iii) (the penultimate and last points relating to restricted areas and Aujeszky's disease), V (l) (ii), V (l) (v) and V (l) (vi) refer: OVs may certify these paragraphs 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).

7. **FREEDOM OF HERDS OF ORIGINS FROM PORCINE RESPIRATORY PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (PRRS)**

Paragraphs V (k) (i) and V (k) (ii) refer: OVs should take into account a) records provided to the Semen Collection Centre from the herd(s) of origin, b) if applicable, their personal knowledge of the Porcine Respiratory Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) status of the herd(s) of origin, and c) if necessary, a declaration from the veterinarian supervising the herd of origin. This may be further supported by discussion with the local office of Animal Health or DARD.

8. **FREEDOM OF THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE FROM PORCINE RESPIRATORY PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (PRRS)**

Paragraph V (k) (iv) refers: OVs should take into account a) records provided to the Semen Collection Centre, b) if applicable, their personal knowledge of the Porcine Respiratory Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) status of the Semen Collection Centre, and c) if appropriate, a written declaration from the veterinarian supervising the Semen Collection Centre. This may be further supported by discussion with the local office of Animal Health or DARD. See also guidance at paragraph 7 above.

9. **ANNUAL TESTING - PORCINE RESPIRATORY PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (PRRS)**

Paragraph V (k) (iii) refers: OV's should take into account a) records provided to the Semen Collection Centre, b) if applicable, their personal knowledge of the Porcine Respiratory Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) status of the Semen Collection Centre, and c) if appropriate, a written declaration from the veterinarian supervising the Semen Collection Centre. The OV should note that such annual testing does not have to be carried out in a laboratory which is officially approved by DEFRA or DARD for the purposes of pre-exporting testing.

10. **TESTING BOARS BEFORE ENTRY TO AND WHILE IN RESIDENT AT THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRES**

Paragraphs V (e), (f), (h) and (j) refer: OV's should note the testing for the purposes of approval of boars for entry to and residence in Semen Collection Centres in GB (England, Wales, and Scotland) must be carried out at the Veterinary Laboratory Agency (VLA) laboratory, New Haw, Weybridge, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, (tel: 01932 341111). In Northern Ireland, such testing is carried out the Veterinary Science Division (VSD) laboratory, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3SD (tel: 02890 520011).

11. **OMISSION OF PARAGRAPH V 'i'**

The omission of a paragraph V (i) is deliberate to avoid any confusion between the letter 'i' used alphabetically and 'i' used as a Roman numeral in sub-paragraphs.

12. **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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