

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO GUERNSEY CHANNEL ISLANDS

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF AUTHORISED VETERINARY SURGEONS AND EXPORTERS

Associated Documents: 7272EHC, 618NDC and 372DMR

1. Import Permit

Exporters are advised to contact the Guernsey authorities for advice regarding any import permits that may be required for the export of porcine semen from the UK into Guernsey.

2. Signature and Completion of Certificate

The completed certificate must be signed, dated and stamped in ink of any colour other than black by an Official Veterinarian (OV). The OV can also be the supervising Authorised Veterinary Surgeon (AVS) of the semen collection centre. If necessary, the OV must obtain support certification (for example by way of a 'pre-certificate' using a copy of the EHC) from the supervising Authorised Veterinary Surgeon (AVS) of the semen collection centre.

3. Notifiable Disease Clearance

Paragraph V (b) refers. The certifying Authorised Veterinary Surgeon / Official Veterinarian may certify country freedom for the diseases listed at this paragraph provided written authority to do so has been obtained from Animal Health Office, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle /DARDNI on form 618NDC.

4. Council Directive 90/429/EEC

The Semen Collection Centre must be approved by DEFRA or DARDNI in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC as amended. The certifying Authorised Veterinary Surgeon / 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.

Paragraphs IV (c) - (l) describe the requirements for serological testing, pre-entry quarantine and routine testing of donor boars, together with conditions for collection, treatment and storage of semen as laid down in Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended).

The certificate may be signed by the Authorised Veterinary Surgeon / Official Veterinarian provided the outcome of routine inspections of the centre, as required under the Directive, are satisfactory and the centre continues to meet Directive requirements.

5. 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 Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>