

EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN TO MALAYSIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICERS AND EXPORTERS

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6358EHC may be used for the export of bovine semen to Malaysia.

2. **SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE CERTIFICATE**

The health information on the certificate in section III must be certified by the Authorised Veterinary Surgeon at the semen collection centre, and in section IV by the whole time Veterinary Officer of the Department.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within seven days for his/her own record keeping purposes.

3. **LABORATORY TESTS**

Samples must be sent for testing to the laboratories of the veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA). The majority of pre-export tests are carried out at the Veterinary Laboratory Agency (VLA New Haw, Weybridge, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, Tel:01932 357335). Some tests are carried out at the regional VLA laboratories (Veterinary Investigation Centres (VICs)). For operational reasons however, the laboratories involved may change periodically. Accordingly AVSS should check with the VLA to establish to which laboratories samples should be sent for testing. Samples should always be received in advance of the export date. If in doubt as to the procedures for collection, the requirement for transport medium if any, dispatch of samples and the length of time a test is likely to take, AVSS should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

4. **BLUETONGUE**

Paragraph III (6) refers. The options listed here are from the EU legislation for trade/OIE Code Chapter on bluetongue. Further guidance on this can be found at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/traces/pdf/bt-germplasm-nfg.pdf>

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 International Animal Health Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>