

2044EHC - EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN OF EC STATUS TO NORTHERN IRELAND
COLLECTED BEFORE 01 JANUARY 2005

2144EHC - EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN OF EC STATUS TO NORTHERN IRELAND
Collected AFTER 01 January 2005

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTERS

Associated Documents: 2044EHC or 2144EHC

1. SCOPE

The **2044EHC** and **2144EHC** can be used for the export of bovine semen collected at EC Approved Semen Collection Centres in Great Britain, or the re-export of semen legally moved into Great Britain from another EU Member State or a third country in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC.

The **2044EHC** is for bovine semen produced before 1st January 2005.

The **2144EHC** is for bovine semen produced after 1st January 2005.

2. COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 88/407/EEC

The certifying veterinarians must be conversant with the provisions of Council Directive 88/407/EEC (and any subsequent amendments), which lays down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species.

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.

The health information at section **IV** of the **2044EHC** and **2144EHC** may only be signed by a veterinary surgeon approved by the Department For Environment, Food and Rural Affairs/ The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate /Welsh Assembly Government, Department for Rural Affairs to be in charge of the Semen Collection Centre on which the consignment of semen was stored.

4. COUNTERSIGNATURE OF CERTIFICATE

The **2044EHC** and **2144EHC** should be countersigned at section **V** by a Whole Time Veterinary Officer.

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

A copy of the completed certificate must be returned to the issuing office, usually Central Operations for export, Carlisle within 7 days of its issue.

5. **TRACES MESSAGE**

An electronic TRACES message for the consignment, including a reference to the unique serial number of the certificate in Box I.2a of the message, must be generated before the consignment arrives at its destination.

If the consignment is cancelled, its date/time of departure has changed significantly, a different vehicle is used or all the semen is not exported, the exporter must notify the issuing AHDO so that the TRACES message can be cancelled or updated as appropriate.

6. **IBR/IPV**

If bovine semen is collected **on or before** 31/12/2004, the semen from bulls giving a positive reaction to the serum neutralisation test or the ELISA test for infectious bovine rhino tracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis but which has already given a negative reaction to these tests prior to a first vaccination may be certified on **2044EHC**, as laid down in the Council Directive.

Bovine semen collected **after** 31/12/2004 must be from centres where all bulls are seronegative and certified on **2144EHC**.

7. **TRANSPORTATION**

During transport, the semen must not come into contact with semen not certified to the same health status.

8. **DISCLAIMER**

This 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>

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