

**EXPORT OF OVINE/CAPRINE SEMEN TO NORTHERN IRELAND**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

**1. Scope**

Guernsey requires compliance with EU legislation and certificates 4365EHC and 6936EHC have been drawn up to mirror the Intra trade Animal Health Certificates (ITAHC) for the export of semen collected after 31 August 2010 and before 1 September 2010, respectively, as follows:

- 4365EHC reflects (model health certificate IIIA from [Decision 2010/470/EC](#)): This is for germplasm collected after 31 August 2010 and being dispatched from the centre at which it was collected.
- 6936EHC reflects (model health certificate IIIB from [Decision 2010/470/EC](#)): This is for germplasm collected before 01 September 2010 and being dispatched from the centre at which it was collected.

Certifying Official Veterinarians may therefore follow the guidance for intra-EU trade in ovine/caprine semen at the following link and make use of the supporting documentation provided to sign these certificates:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/animaltrade/traces/sheepdocs.htm>

The guidance (see above link) focuses on Part A, and assumes that semen collected before 1 September 2010 complied with the requirements of [Directive 92/65/EC](#), before the amendments introduced by Decision 2010/470/EC came into force on 1 September 2010, and that Part B can be signed for such semen without any further guidance, other than contained in the check-list Ovine-Caprine-Semen-CKL.

**2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

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 Government 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 and Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Specialist Service Centre - Exports - at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or to DARD, Dundonald House, Belfast.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

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 and Veterinary Laboratories Agency, 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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