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EXPORT OF CAPRINE SEMEN TO AUSTRALIA: PART A

No:

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

FOR COMPLETION BY: AUTHORISED VETERINARY SURGEON/OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Information concerning:

- a) The donor animals and semen (attached Schedule (6322SUP) refers).
- b) Total number of ampoules/straws certified:.....

II. Origin of the semen

- a) Approval of caprine semen collection centre for export to Australia

Name of approved centre where the semen was collected:	Name of centre veterinarian:
Address of approved centre:	Telephone:
	Email:

- b) Name and address of the owner of the donor buck(s):
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- c) Name and address of exporter:
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III. Destination of the semen

- a) Name and address of consignee:
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- b) Address of final destination of the semen:
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- c) Serial number on shipping/transport container:
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- d) Means of transportation and all available details of shipment:
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- e) Import permit number(s):
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IV. Health Information

I, the undersigned, certify that:

1) This consignment consists of frozen semen in straws or semen pellets collected from goats that immediately prior to the pre-collection period were living in the United Kingdom.

[The pre-collection period is the 30 day period immediately prior to the first collection of semen for this consignment.]

2) Approval of semen collection centre for export to Australia.

The semen was collected and processed in a Semen Collection Centre (SCC) meeting the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Code requirements for accreditation. The caprine semen in this consignment was collected, handled and stored in accordance with the OIE Code.

3) Semen collections were performed under the supervision of either the centre veterinarian or the official veterinarian.

4) Clinical examination. Donors were clinically inspected at least each week during the pre-collection period and on each day blood samples were collected and, at each inspection, were found to be free from signs of contagious and infectious diseases (by the accredited SCC veterinarian, Official Veterinarian or a registered veterinarian appointed by the centre veterinarian and acting under written instruction).

5) Isolation. Each donor was isolated from all ruminants, except other donors of equivalent health status, during the pre-collection and the collection periods.

6) Vaccinations. Donors were not vaccinated against any diseases, except tetanus using a killed vaccine, during the pre-collection period nor during collection.

7) **Testing.** Blood and/or hair samples were collected from each donor for diagnostic tests or DNA testing by the centre veterinarian, the Official Veterinarian or a registered veterinarian appointed by the centre veterinarian and acting under written instruction.

[The testing programme may be subject to direct audit by Department of Agriculture at any time.] All tests were performed at laboratories, and using tests, approved by the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country.

8) **Scrapie** - freedom assurance The semen donors have lived only in a country or zone where:

- i) scrapie has been compulsorily notifiable during the previous 6 years;
- ii) an effective and continuous national surveillance system is practiced;
- iii) brains from clinically suspect animals are examined in a laboratory in accordance with the diagnostic techniques set out in the OIE Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines or the USDA Voluntary Scrapie Herd Certification Programme Standards, Appendix 1;
- iv) the feeding of ruminant derived meat-and-bone meal to sheep and goats is banned;
- v) scrapie-affected sheep and goats are slaughtered and their carcasses disposed of in a manner that would reliably preclude the spread of scrapie infective agent (such as complete incineration);
- vi) all scrapie affected animals can be traced back to their herd of birth.

The semen donors originate from herds EITHER:

*i) of Certified status in the USDA Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program in which no animals have commingled with sheep during the 5 years immediately prior to collection.

OR:

*ii) in which no case of scrapie has been confirmed or suspected during the 5 years immediately prior to semen collection. All animals were identified and can be traced back to their herd of birth. Records of parentage, and movements of animals in and out of the herd, are maintained for a minimum period of 5 years. During the previous 5 years, introductions of goats were only permitted from herds with equivalent scrapie status. No animals have commingled with herds of lower scrapie status during the previous 5 years. No animals have commingled with sheep during the 5 years immediately prior to collection.

[Applications will also be considered where information is available which would provide equivalent security for herd freedom for scrapie. Applications for this option must be made through the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country.] [The veterinary certificate must indicate the option that applies.]

9) **Foot and mouth.** Immediately prior to the pre-collection period each donor was living in the United Kingdom or a zone of the UK recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) as being free from foot and mouth disease.

The semen was not collected between 1 January 2001 and 15 January 2002 and between 1 July 2007 and 18 February 2008 (inclusive of these dates).

10) **Sheep and goat pox.** The exporting country meets the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Code Article definitions for country freedom from sheep and goat pox (capripox virus) and contagious caprine pleuropneumonia.

11) **Enzootic abortion of ewes (EAE)**. Each donor has lived on premises in which EAE had not been diagnosed during the 2 years immediately prior to the pre-collection period and gave a negative result to a CFT test for EAE during the pre-collection period.

12) **Contagious agalactia (CA)**. Each donor has lived on premises in which contagious agalactia had not been diagnosed during the 6 months immediately prior to the pre-collection period

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Signed RCVS

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Name and title in block letters

Telephone Number
E-mail address

Authorised Veterinary Surgeon at the
Approved Semen Collection Centre at

Date

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