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EXPORT OF OVINE 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 (8551SUP) refers).
- b) Total number of ampoules/straws certified:.....

II. Origin of the semen

- a) Approval of ovine 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 ram(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 sheep 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 ovine 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 fleece 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 program 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 Flock Certification Program 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 animal can be traced back to their flock of birth.

The semen donors originate from flocks 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 flock of birth. Records of parentage, and movements of animals in and out of the flock, are maintained for a minimum period of 5 years. During the previous 5 years, introductions were only permitted from flocks with equivalent scrapie status. No animals have commingled with flocks of lower scrapie status during the previous 5 years.

[Applications will also be considered where information is available which would provide equivalent security for flock freedom for scrapie. Applications for this option must be made to Department of Agriculture through the Veterinary Administration of the exporting country.]

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 OIE Code Article definitions for country freedom from sheep and goat pox (capripox virus).

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

13) **Maedi-visna (MV).** Donors were either:

*i) part of an accredited MV free flock immediately prior to semen collection as recognised by the Veterinary Administration

OR:

*ii) immediately prior to semen collection, part of a flock in which MV had not been diagnosed during the previous 3 years. During this 3 year period the donors had no physical contact with goats (apart from incidental contact with goats off the flock premises such as occurs at shows and sales). No animals were introduced from flocks with a lesser disease status and each donor gave a negative result to either an approved ELISA, for MV antibodies on two blood samples collected 30 days apart during the pre-collection period, at the time of collection or at autopsy.

OR:

*iii) sourced from a closed flock where the flock tested negative for MV using an approved AGID or ELISA and a sample size sufficient to provide 95% probability of detecting MV at 10% prevalence. Testing of the flock took place within the 6 months immediately prior to export.

[The veterinary certificate must indicate the option that applies. The attached

table must include dates of sampling for test, type of tests used, test results.]

14) **Jaagsiekte.** Each donor has only lived in flocks that include animals older than 5 years. After due enquiry and examination of official records, all animals in flocks which included the donor remained free from Jaagsiekte, based on the absence of clinical signs, for at least 5 years immediately prior to collection of semen.

During the 5 year period immediately prior to the collection of semen, no animals were introduced from flocks with a lesser Jaagsiekte status. Each donor gave a negative result to a pathological examination or immune or nucleic acid test for jaagsiekte virus/viral components in lung and associated lymphoid tissues in accordance with procedures approved by the Veterinary Administration for the detection of Jaagsiekte.

[Testing must be carried out at a laboratory approved by the Veterinary Administration to carry out histopathological diagnosis and/or immune or nucleic acid detection testing. The attached table must include dates of sampling for test, type of tests used, test results.]

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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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