

**EXPORT OF FRESH / FROZEN PORCINE SEMEN TO CANADA - 1309EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTERS**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE**

These notes are not intended to operate as a standalone document but must be read in conjunction with Export Health Certificate 1309EHC.

We would also strongly advise exporters to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the appropriate veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the United Kingdom, in advance of each consignment.

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**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

This certificate covers the export of fresh and frozen porcine semen from the United Kingdom to Canada.

**2. IMPORT PERMIT**

A valid import permit issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is required for exports of porcine semen from the UK to Canada. The import permit number must be entered in paragraph IV (d) of the certificate.

**3. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

Any Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, the Welsh Assembly Government, Department for Rural Affairs and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland may sign the export health certificate as an Official Veterinarian.

Official Veterinarians must sign and stamp the health certificate with the 'Official Veterinarian' stamp in ink of any colour other than black.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to Animal Health Central Operations for Export at Carlisle or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI) within seven days of signing.

Official Veterinarians are advised to retain copy of the certificate for their own records.

**4. OFFICIAL DISEASE CLEARANCES**

Paragraph V(a) refers. The certifying Official Veterinarian may certify freedom for the diseases listed in this paragraph provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC issued by the Animal Health Agency or DARDNI.

Freedom from Aujeszky's Disease

Paragraph V(b) (i) refers. In the case of export of porcine semen from Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), the certifying

Official Veterinarian may certify this paragraph provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC issued by the Animal Health Agency.

Paragraph V(b) (ii) refers. In the case of export of porcine semen from Northern Ireland, the certifying Official Veterinarian may certify this paragraph provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC issued by DARDNI.

5. **FREEDOM OF HERDS OF ORIGIN FROM MYCOBACTERIUM BOVIS INFECTION**

Paragraph V(c) refers. If the donor boars originate from herds in the United Kingdom, the Official Veterinarian must contact Animal Health Central Operations for Export at Carlisle or DARDNI to obtain written authorisation to sign this paragraph.

If the donor boar(s) originate from herd(s) outside the United Kingdom, the exporter should obtain a written declaration from the veterinary surgeon(s) responsible for the herd(s) of origin to the effect that the herd(s) has/have been free from any clinical, microbiological, pathological and epidemiological evidence of *Mycobacterium bovis* infection for the thirty six (36) months immediately prior to movement of the donor boars off the premises.

6. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 90/429/EEC (AS AMENDED)**

Paragraphs V(d), V(f), V(g), V(j), V(m), V(o), V(p) and V(u) refer. The semen collection centre must be approved by Defra or DARDNI in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended).

The certifying Official Veterinarian must be fully conversant with the provisions of Council Directive 90/429/EEC and any subsequent amendments, laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species.

7. **TIMING OF COLLECTION OF SEMEN**

Paragraph V (q) (iii) refers. The Official Veterinarian must check the records of the collection of the semen to ensure that the semen for export to Canada has been collected over a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of first collection. The semen must have been packaged and stored at the approved semen production centre until export.

8. **TIMING OF TGE TESTING OF DONOR BOARS**

Paragraph V(e) refers. Official Veterinarians should note the requirement for the serological test described in this paragraph to be carried out within 60 days of collection of semen for export to Canada.

9. **FREEDOM OF THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE FROM OFFICIAL MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

Paragraphs V(h) and V(n) refer. Certifying Official Veterinarian should use their own knowledge of the local animal disease situation as it affects the semen collection centre to certify these paragraphs. If necessary the Official Veterinarian is advised to contact Animal Health Central Operations for Export at Carlisle or DARDNI for further advice.

In the case of paragraph V(n), the length of time for this paragraph to apply is the past one year prior to the date of dispatch of the porcine semen to Canada.

**10. ORIGIN AND RESIDENCY OF DONOR BOARS**

Paragraphs V(1) (i) and V(1) (ii) refer. The certifying Official Veterinarian should make appropriate enquiries and inspect the movement records of the semen collection centre to confirm that the donor boars can meet the residency or the import requirements described in these paragraphs.

**11. APPLICATION OF TAMPERPROOF SEALS**

Paragraph V(u) refers. Application of tamperproof seals to the transport container must be carried out under veterinary supervision. The number(s) of the seals and number of the container must be recorded in this paragraph.

**12. TRANSPORT DECLARATIONS**

Paragraph V(v) refers. Before signing the certificate, the certifying Official Veterinarian must obtain the transport declarations in writing from the exporter or agent confirming that the conditions described in this paragraph will be met.

Transport statements should be verified as far as possible by carrying out appropriate checks regarding means of transport from the collection centre to the airport of departure and flight arrangements to the destination airport in Canada.

**13. NO PARAGRAPH V(i)**

The omission of a paragraph V(i) is deliberate to avoid any confusion between the letter 'i' used alphabetically and 'i' used as a Roman numeral in sub-paragraphs.

**14. 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 Central Operations for Exports in Carlisle via the link below:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>