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**EXPORT OF IN-VIVO DERIVED BOVINE EMBRYOS TO GUYANA**

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

**Associated Documents: 6943EHC and 372DMR**

1. **Scope of certification**  
The certificate 6943EHC covers the export of bovine embryos to Guyana. The bovine embryos must be in-vivo derived, and processed in accordance with IETS procedures. Such embryos do not present a risk in the transmission of the bluetongue virus.
2. **General requirements**  
Paragraphs **V.** 3) to 10) refer. These requirements are similar to the requirements for intra-Community trade, and further guidance on this can be found at [http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/traces/pdf/bovine\\_embryos\\_nfg.pdf](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/traces/pdf/bovine_embryos_nfg.pdf)
3. **Sealing of the transport containers**  
Note that the semen must be secured within a cryogenic container by a tamperproof seal applied in such a way that the container cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The number of the seal should be given at paragraph **III.** f) on the health certificate. If it is necessary to top-up the container, this should be done in the presence of an official veterinarian who should apply a new tamperproof seal and endorse Paragraph **III.** f) with the new seal number, giving his signature and name and dating and stamping the endorsement in the margin of the certificate in ink of a colour not black.
4. **Veterinary Officer's Countersignature**  
After completion of section **VI.** by the Authorised Veterinary Surgeon (AVS) at the AI centre, the completed health certificate must be presented to the local Animal Health Divisional Office (AHDO), for completion of Section **V.** by a Veterinary Officer of the Department. The Veterinary Officer must be familiar with the operation of the Semen Collection Centre (AI Centre) and refer to official records, if appropriate, before the certificate can be signed. **Official freedom from FMD means freedom in accordance with the OIE code.** The DVM should then retain a copy for his/her records.
5. **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 International Animal Health Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>