General Licence No: IMP/GEN/2012/04

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984

The Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980 as amended

The Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this licence issued under Article 4 of the Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980 (as amended) hereby authorises the landing in England, in accordance with the conditions set out below, of

Semen from Red Deer	Product

Originating in

New Zealand	Country of Origin

At

Any product Border Inspection Post in England	Port of Entry

This licence is valid for imports from the date of issue until varied or revoked by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

06 SEP 2012

Date: 6 September 2012

Signed:
On behalf of the Secretary of State
Officer of the Department for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THIS LICENCE

Each consignment must be produced in accordance with Annex D of Council Directive 92/65/EEC in a collection centre approved by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate signed by an Official Veterinarian of the exporting country. The certificate must be in accordance with the annex to this licence:

NOTES

1. This is not a Department for Business, Innovation and Skills licence.

2. The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 implements European Union legislation on veterinary checks on animal products imported from non-EU countries. Importers are advised to familiarise themselves with the obligations the Regulations place on them. Information Notes issued by the Department summarise the rules. Copies of IINs are available from our website: (see below)

http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal-trade/imports-non-eu/iins/

3. **In the event of the conditions of this licence not being complied with or there is suspicion of disease Defra has the power, under the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011, to require the owner or representative to isolate, re-export, or destroy the animal or genetic material at the expense of the owner or their representative.**

CAUTION

Any breach of any conditions attached to this licence will constitute an offence against the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984.

Contact for further information:

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ANNEX

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: CERVINE SEMEN

To: UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Import Permit number: .....

I: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR ANIMAL(S) AND SEMEN

Name/Identification and Breed	Registered entry in the herd/stud book	Date(s) of collection / Batch No.	Straw Identification	No. of Straws

Total number of straws in the consignment: .....

II: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of MAF-approved semen centre: .....

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Name and address of consignor/exporter: .....

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III: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of consignee: .....

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Means and identification of transport: .....

IV: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I ..... being an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the donor deer and cervine semen identified in this export certificate, that:

1. NEW ZEALAND DISEASE FREEDOM STATUS

1.1 New Zealand is free from the following diseases:

Anthrax	Bluetongue
Bovine Spongiform Encephalitis (BSE)	Brucellosis (*Brucella abortus* and *B. melitesis*)
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) of deer	Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia
Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia	Epizootic Haemorrhagic Disease
Foot-and-Mouth Disease	Lumpy Skin Disease
Peste de Petits Ruminants	Rabies
Rift Valley Fever	Rinderpest
Scrapie	Sheep Pox and Goat Pox
Vesicular Stomatitis	Pulmonary adenomatosis
Maedi/Visna	Q Fever (*Coxiella burnetii*)

1.2 Vaccination against these diseases is not permitted and no import of cloven-hoofed animals vaccinated against the disease is permitted.

2. COLLECTION CENTRE

2.1 The semen collection, processing and storage centres are approved by MAF for cervine semen for export.

2.2 The semen collection, processing and storage centres are under the supervision of centre veterinarians who are approved by MAF.

3. DONOR ANIMALS

3.1 The donor animals have remained in New Zealand since birth, or for at least six (6) months prior to the start of the semen collection period

3.2 The donor animals originate from a herd where there has been no clinical, microbiological or serological evidence of Johne's disease (*Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis*) for the twelve (12) months prior to entry into the collection centre.

3.3 The donor animals originate from a herd that is free of bovine tuberculosis as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

3.4 The donor animals have been continuously resident on the collection centre for at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to the date of collection and during this time they have remained isolated from all other animals not of equivalent health status.

3.5 Within thirty (30) days immediately prior to the start of the collection period the donor animals have been tested for bovine tuberculosis using an intra-dermal tuberculin test with negative results.

4. SEMEN COLLECTION

4.1 On the dates of semen collection, none of the animals on the semen collection centre showed any evidence of infectious or contagious disease on examination by the centre veterinarian.

4.2 The semen was collected, processed, packaged and stored under the supervision of an Official Veterinarian.

5. SEMEN PROCESSING

5.1 A sample of each batch of semen to be exported has been tested, with negative results, for cervine herpesvirus-1 using a PCR procedure.

5.2 Products of animal origin used in the processing of the semen, including additives or diluents, have been obtained from sources which present no recognised animal health risk or were so treated prior to use that such risk was prevented.

5.3 Antibiotics have been added to the semen diluent.

5.4 All equipment which came into contact with the semen or the donor animal during collection and processing was disinfected or sterilised prior to use, except for single-use equipment which was discarded after use.

5.5 After processing, the semen was placed in sterile containers and sealed immediately.

5.6 Each individual dose of semen has been clearly and permanently marked in such a way that the date of collection of the semen, the breed and identification of the donor animal and the approval number of the centre can be readily established .

6. SEMEN STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

6.1 The semen has been stored in sanitised liquid nitrogen containers at an approved semen storage centre for a minimum period of thirty (30) days prior to export.

6.2 The cryogenic or cooling agent used in the freezing process had not been used previously in association with any other product of animal origin.

6.3 The semen has not come into contact with any animals, products or equipment of a lesser health status during storage and transportation to the port of exportation.

6.4 The transport container has either been cleaned, disinfected or sterilised as appropriate before use or is new.

6.4 Prior to export to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the transport container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian, using a tamper-proof seal that bears the number/marks:

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Serial number of shipping container: .....

Signature of Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Official Stamp and Date

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Name and Address

Note: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print and, where applicable, all documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.