

**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 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this licence issued under Article 4 of The Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1984 as amended, hereby authorises the landing in England, in accordance with the conditions set out below, of

Bovine semen

Product

from

Northern Ireland

Country of Origin

at

Any port or airport in England

Port of Entry

until further notice or unless revoked by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Date 10 April 2008



Signed: *T. P. Bradley*  
Authorised by the Secretary of State

**CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THIS LICENCE**

1. Each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate signed by an official veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland, stating:
  - (a) details of consignment (number of doses, identification of donor animal, date (s) of collection, breed);
  - (b) name, address and registration number of the approved semen collection centre;

- (c) destination of semen (place of loading, place of destination, means of transport, names and addresses of consignor and consignee, number and code-mark of semen containers, name and address of local divisional veterinary office).

2. **Additional condition for semen collected on or after the 1 January 2005:**

- (a) the semen described above was collected, processed and stored under conditions which comply with the standards laid down in Council Directive 88/407/EEC;
- (b) the semen described above was sent to the place of loading in a sealed container under conditions which comply with Directive 88/407/EEC.
- (c) the semen described above was collected from bulls:
  - (i) which have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease within 12 months prior to collection;
  - or
  - (ii) which have been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease less than 12 months and more than 30 days prior to collection, in which case 5% (with a minimum of five straws) of each collection have been submitted to a virus isolation test for foot-and-mouth disease in an approved laboratory [name of laboratory] with negative results;
- (d) the frozen semen was stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days immediately following collection.

3. **Additional conditions for semen collected before 1 January 2005:**

- (a) The semen described above was collected before 1 January 2005 on a semen collection centre which was:
  - (i) approved under the conditions laid down in Annex A, Chapter I of Directive 88/407/EEC;
  - (ii) operated and supervised under the conditions laid down in Annex A, Chapter II of Directive 88/407/EEC.
- (b) At the time of collection, all bovine animals at the semen collection centre:
  - (i) came from herds and/or were born to dams which satisfy the conditions of points 1(b) and (c) in Chapter 1 of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC;
  - (ii) have, within the 30 days preceding the quarantine isolation period, undergone, with negative results:
    - the tests required by Annex B, Chapter 1, 1.d(i), (ii), (iii) of Directive 88/407/EEC, and

- a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis, and
  - a virus isolation test (fluorescent antibody test or immunoperoxidase test) for bovine viral diarrhoea, which in the case of an animal less than six months of age has been deferred until that age was reached.
- (iii) have satisfied the quarantine isolation period of 30 days and have been subjected with the required negative results to the following health tests:
- a serological test for brucellosis carried out in accordance with the procedure described in Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC;
  - either an immunofluorescent antibody test or a culture test for campylobacter foetus infection on a sample of preputial material or artificial vagina washings, or, in the case of a female animal, a vaginal mucus agglutination test;
  - a microscopic examination and culture test for trichomonas foetus on a sample of preputial material or artificial vagina washings, or in the case of a female animal a vaginal mucus agglutination test.
- (iv) have undergone, at least once a year, with negative results, the routine tests referred to in points 1(a), (b) and (c) in Chapter 1 of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC.
- (c) At the time the semen described above was collected:
- (i) all female bovine animals in the centre have undergone at least once a year a vaginal mucus agglutination test for campylobacter foetus infection with negative results, and
  - (ii) all bulls used for semen production have undergone with negative result either an immunofluorescent antibody test or a culture test for campylobacter fetus infection on a sample of preputial material or artificial vagina washings carried out within 12 months prior to collection.
- (d) The semen described above was collected from bulls standing in a semen collection centre in which
- (i) all bovine animals have undergone at least once a year with negative result a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis\*;
- or
- (ii) bovine animals not vaccinated against infectious bovine rhinotracheitis have undergone at least once a year with negative result a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis, and testing for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis is not carried out on bulls which

have received a first vaccination against infectious bovine rhinotracheitis at the insemination centre after they have been tested with negative result in a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis and which since the first vaccination have been regularly re-vaccinated with an interval of not more than six months\*.

- (e) The semen described above was collected from bulls:
    - (i) which either have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease within 12 months prior to collection\*
      - or
      - (ii) which have been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease less than 12 months and more than 30 days prior to collection, and 5% of doses of the semen from each collection, with a minimum of five straws, have been submitted to a virus isolation test for foot-and-mouth disease, carried out with negative results in an approved laboratory [name of laboratory] with negative results\*.
  - (f) The semen was stored in approved condition for a minimum period of 30 days immediately following collection.
  - (g) The semen described above was sent to the place of loading in a sealed container.
4. The material must be made available, if so required for inspection by an officer of Defra or one of its agencies at any place nominated by him for such an inspection. The importer shall afford all assistance necessary to such an officer to enable him to carry out the inspection in such a manner as he shall determine and the importer shall be responsible for meeting any costs of carrying out such an inspection.

\* Delete as appropriate

#### NOTES

1. This is not a Department of Trade and Industry licence.

#### 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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