

Animal Health 1981
The Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980 (as amended)

General Licence to Import Dog or Cat Semen from Donors that are Compliant with the Conditions in Regulation (EC) No. 576/2013 or Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003

This licence is issued under Article 4 of the Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980 (as amended) and authorises the landing in Great Britain of:

Dog or Cat semen from donors that are compliant with the conditions in Regulation (EC) No. 576/2013 or Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003 that apply to the import of dogs and cats into the United Kingdom

From

Any Country

in accordance with the conditions set out below.

Official Stamp



Signature

Animal and Plant Health Agency

Authorised by the Secretary of State and acting on behalf of the Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers

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Date

9th June 2017

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Conditions for the Importation of Semen into Great Britain from a Dog or Cat that Complies with the Import Requirements in Regulation (EC) No. 576/2013 or Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003

Identification and Health Status

1. The donor animal must be permanently identifiable by a microchip, or a clearly readable tattoo applied before 3rd July 2011.
2. Immediately before the first collection of semen the donor animal must be scanned for its microchip or the tattoo read. The veterinary surgeon must confirm that the preparation order and current rabies vaccination are compliant with Regulation (EC) no. 576/2013 or Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003.
3. In the case of unlisted Third Countries, there must be a satisfactory blood sample in compliance with 576/2013 or Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003, which was taken three months before semen collection.
4. Immediately before the first collection of semen the donor animal must be subjected to veterinary examination and show no clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
5. The semen must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate signed by an authorised Veterinary Officer of the Government giving the following information:
 - name and address of the owner of the donor animal
 - address of the premises at which the semen was collected and processed
 - identity, **breed**⁽¹⁾, date of birth and the microchip or clearly readable tattoo number of the donor animal.
 - a statement confirming that the donor animal complies with the import conditions of Regulation (EC) No. 576/2013 or Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003 and was eligible to enter Great Britain under that Regulation at the time of semen collection
 - dates of collection of the semen to be exported
 - number of ampoules, and
 - the indelible identification marking on the ampoules of semen.

Semen Collection and Storage

6. The semen must be consigned in sealed ampoules or straws, each ampoule or straw must be permanently identified and the identification mark of each noted on the veterinary certificate.
7. The sealed ampoules or straws must be kept in a container which is unused or sterile and which does not contain other semen that does not meet the same standards.
8. The sealed ampoules or straws containing the semen must be securely packed in a container; on arrival at the destination address any wrapping must be incinerated and all non disposal items must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

For Consignments from EU Countries

9. The semen must be accompanied by a copy of this General Licence, and completed Veterinary Certificate and be pre-notified to the local Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) office.

For Consignments from a Third Country

10. Consignments may only be imported into the EU through an approved Border Inspection Post and must undergo a veterinary check in accordance with the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011, the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011 and The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
11. Consignments must be pre-notified to the relevant Border Inspection Post before arrival in the country, by completion of Part I of the Common Veterinary Entry Document or by electronic means as agreed with the Border Inspection Post competent authority.

Notes:

1. Please note that the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA) prohibit breeding from certain breeds of dogs that are banned under the Act. Please refer to the DDA before planning an import of canine semen into the UK. Further information is available at GOV.UK.
2. For the purposes of this licence the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 998/2003 and 576/2013 are:

In the following order:
 - Identified by means of a microchip
 - Vaccinated with a vaccine licensed in the country of residence
 - Undergone a qualifying period of 21 days.
And in the case of unlisted countries:
 - had a blood sample taken at least 30 days after the vaccination with positive, results
 - Undergone a qualifying period of three months.
3. Paragraph 9 for the purposes of this licence EU countries also include Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.
4. Paragraph 2 an unlisted country is a non-EU country that is not listed in Annex II of Regulation 998/2003 or Annex II of Regulation 577/2013.
5. Paragraph 5. IV – for this licence the donor animal is not required to meet the import conditions in Commission Delegated Regulation 1152/2011 as regards tapeworm treatment.

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