

## EXPORT OF CANINE SEMEN TO SOUTH AFRICA

### NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

#### IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 4816EHC. Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but to be read in conjunction with certificate 4816EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE

Health certificate 4816EHC may be used to accompany consignments of canine semen to South Africa.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA-NI).

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA-NI, Dundonald House, Belfast.

The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. IMPORT PERMIT

An import permit must be obtained from the Directorate of Animal Health, Pretoria and should also accompany the consignment.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF SEMEN CONTAINERS

The ampoules/straws containing the semen for export must be indelibly marked with the details of the donor dog: name, breed, registration number and age, and if applicable microchip or tattoo number, or with a code denoting this information. These details on the code and its decipher should be entered on Paragraph II(c).

5. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

The certification contained in paragraph V. b) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to you by the issuing office before shipment. However, be aware that as there are repeated cases of *Brucella canis* in the UK, we can no longer confirm freedom from this disease and so the testing option must be used.

6. Paragraph V. b) (i) refers. If the donor dog has not been continuously resident in the UK for the six months before the date of semen collection, the donor dog needs to be serologically tested negative for *Brucella canis* at the time of semen collection. Samples should be submitted to the relevant laboratory in good time to allow reports to be received in advance of the export date. If in

doubt as to the length of time a test is likely to take, OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS should seek the advice of the relevant laboratory.

7. **DISCLAIMER**

This 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 APHA Centre for International Trade in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>