

**EXPORT OF FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN CANINE SEMEN FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO BARBADOS**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6500EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6500EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6500EHC may be used for the export of canine semen from the United Kingdom to Barbados.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Government - Department for Rural Affairs, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports in Carlisle, within seven days of issue.

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

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

An Import Permit must be obtained from the Veterinary Services Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Barbados.

Tel. 001 246 427 5073 / 001 246 427 5492

Fax. 001 246 429 2143

Semen from dogs of the following breeds (including crosses of these breeds) is not eligible for importation:

- a) American Pit Bull Terrier
- b) Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- c) Dogo Argentino
- d) Japanese Tosa
- e) Brazilian Fila

4. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV. a)(i) and d(i) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle on form 618NDC.



5. **DECLARATION**  
Paragraph IV. (b) refers. A written declaration must be received from the owner/exporter confirming that the donor dog has been continuously resident in the United Kingdom for the 6 months immediately prior to the date of collection of the semen.
6. **EXAMINATION**  
Paragraph IV. (c) refers. The donor dog must be examined by a licensed veterinarian immediately before each collection of semen and show no clinical signs of rabies or other infectious or contagious disease.
7. **BLOOD TESTS**  
Paragraph IV. (d)(ii) refers. The results of the blood tests for *Brucella canis* must be a negative result (negative means less than 50% agglutination at a dilution of 1:100).  
  
All blood samples must be sent to either the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey, (telephone number: 01932 341111), or Lasswade Veterinary Laboratory, Bush Estate, Penicuik, Midlothian, EH26 0SA (telephone number: 0131 445 5371).
8. **SEMEN EXTENDER**  
Paragraph IV. (e) refers. No unsterilized substance of animal origin must be added to the extender or diluent. Egg yolk, if used, must be obtained from eggs from a flock and an area of the country, which at the time of collection of the eggs, is not subject to animal health restrictions due to Newcastle disease or highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).  
  
Paragraph IV. (f) refers. **Either**, the semen extender must not contain milk products, **or**, the milk products used as a semen extender must originate from a country recognized, at the time of collection of the milk, as free of foot and mouth disease by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
9. **PACKAGING/SEALING**  
Paragraph IV. (g) and (h) refer. The semen must be placed in straws or ampoules which are permanently identified. The sealed straws or ampoules containing the semen must be packed in a new container or one which is cleaned and sterilized before use. The refrigerant must not be used for any other purpose.
10. **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 the AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

