

EXPORT TO THE ISLE OF MAN OF BOVINE SEMEN NOT OF GREAT BRITAIN ORIGIN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

Associated Documents: 5700EHC, 5700NFG and 372DMR.

1. **Scope**

The export health certificate 5700EHC covers the export of frozen bovine semen, previously imported from Member States and approved Third Countries, to the Isle of Man. The export health certificate 5723EHC should be used for the export of bovine semen collected at EC approved Semen Collection Centre in Great Britain.

2. **Council Directive 88/407/EEC**

The Certifying veterinarians must be conversant with the provisions of Council Directive 88/407/EEC (and any subsequent amendments) and, which lays down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species.

3. **Authentication of the original import health certificate**

Paragraph III a) refers:

For bovine semen imported from other Member States, the semen must be imported into Great Britain in accordance with Council Directive 88/407 (as amended). An authenticated copy of the original import health certificate must be attached to certificate 5700EHC. A copy of the original import health certificate should be endorsed 'authenticated copy', signed and stamped by the Authorised Veterinary Surgeon and countersigned by an APHA Veterinarian. Paragraph III a) ii should be deleted.

4. For bovine semen imported from approved third countries, the semen must be imported into Great Britain in accordance with Commission Decision 94/577/EC. Such semen would have been legally imported via a Border Inspection Post (BIP), accompanied by a Border Crossing Certificate (BCC) and an import health certificate authenticated by an official veterinarian at the BIP of entry into the EC. Copies of the BCC and authenticated import health certificate must be attached to certificate 5700EHC. The AVS should add the words 'Authenticated Copy' to each document and sign and stamp in ink of any colour other than black. Paragraph III a) i should be deleted.

5. In the case of part of the original imported consignment being exported, the authenticated copy of the health certificate referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above should be amended by deleting the details of the semen **not** being exported and the deletions initialled and dated by the Authorised Veterinary Surgeon in charge of the Storage/Semen Collection Centre.

6. **Bluetongue**

Paragraph III d) may be certified on the basis of the following:

EITHER

1. The frozen semen was collected before 01 May 2006, or it was collected from donor animals/collection centres situated outside a bluetongue RZ.

OR

2. The frozen semen was obtained from donor animals, which have been:

either

- (a) **protected from attack** from Culicoides likely to be competent bluetongue virus vectors for at least 60 days before commencement of, and during, collection of the semen;

or

- (b) subjected to a serological test according to the OIE Terrestrial Manual to detect **antibodies** to the bluetongue virus group [with negative results] at least every 60 days during the collection period and between 21 and 60 days following the final collection;

or

- (c) in the case of bovine/ovine/caprine semen, subjected to a serological test according to the OIE Terrestrial Manual to detect **antibodies** for the bluetongue virus group, with negative results, carried out on a sample taken between 21 and 30 days following the semen collection during the mandatory storage period;
(Point 1(f) of Annex C to Council Directive 88/407/EEC or point (g) of Chapter III of Annex D to Council Directive 92/65/EC apply.)

or

- (d) subjected, with negative results, to an **agent** identification test according to the OIE Terrestrial Manual carried out on blood samples collected at:

- (i) the commencement and final collection;

and

- (ii) during the period of semen collection:

-at least every seven days, in the case of a **virus isolation** test,

or

-at least every 28 days, in the case of a **polymerase chain reaction** test.

Legally imported semen should comply with the above, and the paragraph can be signed on this basis.

7. **FMD**

Paragraph III e) may be signed provided that the OV can establish that the semen for export was legally imported into the UK.

8. **Completion of the health certificate**

Certifying officers must complete, sign, stamp and date the export health certificate in ink of any colour other than black.

Countersignature Requirements

This certificate must be countersigned by an APHA Veterinarian.

All requests for countersignature must be submitted to the Centre for International Trade - Carlisle (CITC) at least two working days in advance of the requested date/time of countersignature using Request for APHA Veterinarian Countersignature of an Export Health Certificate (ET145) application.

The ET145 application can be submitted to CITC:

- as an attachment, at the same time you complete an online application for certification, on the Export Health Certificates (EHC) Online service, or
- by email to processingteam@apha.gov.uk

Upon receipt of your ET145 application CITC will liaise with an APHA Veterinarian at your preferred countersigning office/area to make arrangements for countersignature to take place and notify you of the arrangements made.

9. **Retention of copy of health certificates**

A copy of the relevant health certificate 5700EHC must be retained by the DVM for record keeping purposes, a copy of which should therefore be presented to him/her in duplicate by the veterinary surgeon in charge of the Storage/Semen Collection Centre, at the time the export health certificate is countersigned.

10. **Transportation**

During transport, and on arrival in Isle of Man, the semen must not come into contact with semen not certified to the same health status.

11. **Import conditions**

Exporters should be aware of the following conditions as required by the competent authority of Isle of Man:

- i. The consignment of semen must be accompanied during transport by full E.U health certification (see paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 above) in accordance with 88/407/EEC (as amended).
- ii. The official E.U Health Certification must be presented to, and approved by an Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry before removal of the semen from Ronaldsway airport.
- iii. The outside of the container must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected prior to removal from Ronaldsway airport.
- iv. The semen referred to above must be conveyed direct to the destination specified in the import licence and not removed therefrom except by an Authorised Officer of the Department.
- v. The consignment of semen must be accompanied by either an

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original or a copy of an import licence issued by the competent authority of Isle of Man.

- vi. An import licence is required which is valid for 28 days from the date of issue unless previously revoked on animal health grounds (enter import licence number at paragraph II e) of the export health certificate).

12. **Disclaimer**

The Department disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 Divisional Veterinary Manager at their local Animal Health Office.