

EXPORT OF CANINE SEMEN TO JAPAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6629EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6629EHC. 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 6629EHC may be used for the export of canine semen from Great Britain to Japan.

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, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or National Assembly For Wales who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within seven days for his/her own record keeping purposes.

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph V (b) refers. The certification contained in this paragraph 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 local Divisional Veterinary Manager 10 days before shipment.

4. DISEASE TESTING

Paragraph V (c) refers. All blood samples for export testing should be despatched to the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) laboratory, Weybridge. The OV must have seen satisfactory laboratory reports from the VLA laboratory, Weybridge before signing the export health certificate.

5. VACCINATION

Paragraph V (c)](ii) first indent refers. Only licensed products may be used.

6. **DISCLAIMER**

The Defra 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, exporters should immediately contact the Divisional Veterinary Manager at their local Animal Health Office.

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