



DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS
SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

No:

EXPORT OF SEMEN AND EMBRYOS FROM LABORATORY RATS AND MICE FROM GREAT
BRITAIN TO AUSTRALIA

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORTING COUNTRY : UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN)

CERTIFYING VETERINARIAN : OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Of the semen donor

Species	Institution of donor residence	Colony Identification

(a) Date(s) of semen collection(s):

(b) Number of semen straws, and straw identification:

II. Of the embryo donor

Species	Institution of donor residence	Colony Identification

- (a) Date(s) of semen collection(s):
- (b) Date(s) of embryo collection(s):
- (c) Number of embryos, and straw identification:

III. Origin of the donors

- (a) Name and address of exporter:
- (b) Address of premises of origin:

IV. Destination of the animals

- (a) Name and address of consignee:
- (b) Address of premises of final destination:
- (c) Import Permit No.:
- (d) Means of transport:
- (e) Date of export:

V. Health Information

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, hereby certify that:

- (a) at the time of semen and/or embryo collection, the donors were clinically healthy;
- (b) the donor animals (from which the semen and/or embryos for export were obtained) have been bred and housed for their lifetime in premises that are part of a bone fide scientific institution;
- (c)
 - (i) the colony containing the said animals is housed in accommodation which prevents access from wildlife, including rodents;
 - (ii) the accommodation of the colony is insect vector proof and is free of infestation with ectoparasites;

(d) in the 30 days prior to the date of collection/export, all donors and any animals in contact with them have remained isolated by means of micro-isolators or other similar biologically secure means from animals not of equivalent health status and the animals remained free from evidence of the diseases listed in paragraph V.(e);

(e) there has been no evidence of hantaviruses, ectromelia virus or rabies in the colony during the 12 months prior to the date/s of collection;

(f) **either i)*** on (date), being within 6 months immediately prior to collection, samples were collected from the colony and sent to a private laboratory where they were submitted to the ELISA test for **hantavirus** with negative results. The number of animals tested provided 99% confidence of detecting disease at 25% prevalence;

Number of animals tested
Number of animals in the colony ;

or ii)* sentinels of the same species of 8-12 weeks of age were placed in the boxes with the donor animals, and on (date), being within 6 months immediately prior to collection, samples were collected from the sentinels and sent to a private laboratory where they were submitted to the ELISA test for **hantavirus** with negative results. An appropriate number of sentinels were tested to provide 99% confidence of detecting disease at 25% prevalence. The sentinels remained in contact for a minimum of 45 days but not more than 120 days prior to testing;

Number of animals tested
Number of animals in the colony ;

(g) Great Britain is free of rabies according to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code;

(h) semen and embryos in the consignment were collected and processed in accordance with Chapter 4.10. - "collection and processing of laboratory rodent and rabbit embryos/ova" of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2008);

(j) the liquid nitrogen added to the shipping/transport container(s) was fresh and the shipping/transport container(s) was/were

i)* **either** new

ii)* **or** prior to loading, emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed, and then disinfected as follows or irradiated at 50kGy,;

Date of disinfection/irradiation:

Disinfectant used/active ingredient:

(k) the semen and/or embryos were identified and stored until being certified for export, under my supervision in containers in which no biological material other than semen and/or embryos of equivalent health status were held;

(l) prior to export, I sealed the transport container/s using the seal/s bearing the following unique number/s bearing the mark/s:

VI. This certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of signature.

*Delete as appropriate

Stamp

Signed RCVS

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(Name in block letters)
Official Veterinarian

Date

Address

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