

RE-EXPORT OF IMPORTED BOVINE SEMEN TO THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8568EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8586EHC.

CERTIFICATE 8586EHC HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY AGREED WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN THE IMPORTING COUNTRY.

Exporters are therefore 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. They should obtain an import permit and check this certificate against the requirements of the import permit.

If the health requirements do not match, the exporter may choose to proceed with the export using certificate 8586EHC BUT STRICTLY AT EXPORTERS RISK.

1. Scope of the Certificate

Export health certificate 8586EHC may be used for the re-export of bovine semen that has been legally imported into the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Exporters and certifying official veterinarians must take particular note of the information on disclaimers at paragraph 9.

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

In Great Britain, this certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an authorised Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

In Northern Ireland, this certificate may be signed by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or, in the case of Northern Ireland to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.
The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. Obtaining an import permit

The exporter/agent should be aware of the requirements of the importing country particularly with respect to the requirement for an import permit. The import permit number should be given in the health certificate at paragraph III (5).

4. Schedules

Paragraph I refers: A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph I and paragraph I must be annotated "See attached schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number

and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian (OV).

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the OV should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in paragraph I must be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. **Notifiable disease clearance (form 618NDC)**

Paragraphs IV.5) refers: OVs may certify this paragraph on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

6. **Import health certificate(s)**

Paragraphs II.4) and IV.2) refer: The certifying OV must examine the health certificate(s) that accompanied the semen when it was imported into the UK and any supporting veterinary certificates to ensure that the semen meets the animal health requirements set out in export health certificate reference 7859EHC (Agreed 24/02/2016) for the export of bovine semen from the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bhutan. The official reference number(s) of the certificate(s) must be entered at paragraph II.4.

7. **Semen storage**

Paragraph IV.3 refers: the certifying OV must examine the records of the semen storage centre to verify that this paragraph can be certified;

8. **Sealing of the transport container**

Paragraph IV.4) refers: The semen must be secured within a cryogenic container by a tamperproof seal applied in such a way that the container cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The number on the seal must be entered at paragraph III.3) on the health certificate.

If it is necessary to top up the container, topping up should be done in the presence of an Official Veterinarian (OV) who must apply a new tamperproof seal. The OV must endorse paragraph III.3) on the health certificate with the new seal number, giving name and signature and dating and stamping the endorsement in the margin of the certificate in any ink colour **other than black**.

9. **Disclaimer**

Exporters and certifying official veterinarians must be aware that this export health certificate, 8586EHC, takes into account the important recommendations by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) for trade in this commodity. Exporters and certifying official veterinarians must be aware that 8586EHC has not been officially agreed with the Kingdom of Bhutan. Accordingly the exporter and the Official Veterinarian must note that use of 8586EHC for the re-export of legally imported bovine semen to the Kingdom of Bhutan is used at the exporter's risk. Official veterinarians should ensure that the exporter is aware of this.

The exporter should therefore be aware that 8586EHC may not take the requirements of the importing country into account. 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 are available. If official advice is provided by authorities in the importing country or if an import permit is provided, the exporter must copy these to the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle. If the advice or the permit do not match the assurances provided on 8586EHC, the exporter should contact the APHA Centre for International Trade, 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>

or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.