

**EXPORT OF CANINE SEMEN TO ITALY  
NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND  
EXPORTERS**

This document should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with 9023EHC.

**Scope of the certificate**

This certificate may be used for the export of canine semen where the certification takes place in Wales, Scotland or England, i.e. Great Britain only.

**A note on the English text and translation:**

Please note that this certificate is taken from an English translation provided by the Italian Authorities and the English text is therefore constrained by their model certificate.

**Country of origin**

Although the certificate has been prepopulated with UNITED KINGDOM, this certificate should and can only be issued for animals that are certified in England, Scotland and Wales (i.e. Great Britain).

**Certification**

The basic principles of certification apply and although this is not an EU level harmonised EU entry certificate, the general requirements that the EU specifies for its harmonised certificates should be followed.

**Marking and identification**

Reference text for marking and identification to establish tracing information is copied below and was correct at time of publication. Specifically note the requirement for country ISO code 'GB' for products collected, processed and stored in England, Scotland and Wales.

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the latest version of this text:

1.Operators collecting, producing, processing or storing germinal products of dogs or cats, of terrestrial animals other than bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine or equine animals kept at confined establishments or of animals of the family Camelidae or Cervidae shall mark each straw or other package in which semen, oocytes or embryos, whether or not separated

into individual doses, are placed, stored and transported in such a way that the following information can be readily established:

- (a) the date of collection or production of those germinal products;
- (b) the species, where necessary subspecies, and identification of the donor animal(s);
- (c) one of the following:
  - (i) the address of the establishment of collection or production, processing and storage of those germinal products;
  - (ii) where the establishment of collection or production, processing and storage of those germinal products was assigned with a unique registration number, the unique registration number which shall include the ISO 3166 alpha (2 letter) code of the country in which the establishment is registered;
  - (iii) where the establishment of collection or production, processing and storage of those germinal products is a confined establishment, the unique approval number which shall include the ISO 3166 alpha (2 letter) code of the country in which the approval is granted;
- (d) any other information.

2. In case of sex-sorting of semen at an establishment other than the establishment of its collection or production, the operator of the establishment of collection or production of that semen shall supplement the information referred to in paragraph 1 with information which permits the identification of the establishment where that semen was sex-sorted.

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, where the semen of the animals referred to in paragraph 1 is frozen in pellets, the operator may mark the goblet containing semen pellets of a single donor instead of marking each individual pellet in that goblet.

4. Where a single straw or another package contains semen collected from more than one donor animal, the operator shall ensure that the information, referred to in paragraph 1, includes the identification of all donor animals.

**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 APHA Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, via the link below.

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