

**9057NFG EXPORT OF CANINE SEMEN TO PORTUGAL**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

This document should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with 9057EHC.

Please also note the Portuguese Official Information Note copied below dated January 2021:

The Directorate General for Food and Veterinary (DGAV) may require, without previous notice, additional guarantees depending on the health status of the countries of origin.

It is prohibited the importation of semen from dogs of the following breeds considered potentially dangerous:

- I) Fila brasileiro
- II) Dogo-argentino
- III) Pit bull terrier
- IV) Rottweiler
- V) Staffordshire terrier (Americano/American)
- VI) Staffordshire bull terrier
- VII) Tosa inu

**Genealogical certification**

The semen must be accompanied by the respectively genealogical and sanitary certificates (EHC). Please note the Portuguese Official Information and Genealogy certification requirements. Consideration should be given for a stand-alone genealogical certificate to be obtained by the exporter. This may facilitate the certifying veterinarian to certify this statement on the certificate or alternatively delete it from the certificate and rely on the stand-alone certificate instead. Please check this with entry Border Control Post officials.

The genealogical certificate should include the following: the donor is an animal submitted to a test for screening of congenital hip dysplasia at 12 months of age for the breeds Labrador, Golden retriever, Dobermann, German Shepherd and at 18 months for the breeds Great Dane and Saint Bernard, with negative results and whose parents have not presented dysplasia.

If a separate certificate is issued, or the donor animal are not breeds specified, delete as appropriate (as per footnote).

## **NOTE FOR THE IMPORTER**

The destination of the semen may only be Veterinary Clinics, Research Centres or other entities under the responsibility of veterinarians and registered by DGAV. Accordingly, must be filled in the name and address of the establishment concerned in: name and address of the establishment of destination.

The entry Border Control Post (BCP) should be informed of the arrival of the animals with at least one working day in advance, and the fees established by law will be applied. The information to the BCP is necessarily made through a network system (TRACES) and therefore the BCP should be contacted in advance. The list of approved BCP can be consulted at the following address:

[Contact details of BCPs - veterinary \(europa.eu\)](#)

### **Scope of the certificate**

This certificate may be issued 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 Portuguese 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 a harmonised EU level 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. Please verify via EUR-Lex <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32020R0686&qid=1650619542331> the latest version of this text:

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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 3166-1 alpha-2 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 3166-1 alpha-2 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.

## HEALTH INFORMATION

First paragraph: Establishments which have an official GB registration, may be considered 'approved' for the purposes of this attestation.

Second paragraph: The UK is listed as Referred to in Article 13(2) of [Regulation \(EU\) No 576/2013](#), Part 2 of Annex II to [Regulation \(EU\) No 577/2013](#), as last amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2016](#), therefore, this attestation must be certified and complied with.

**Disclaimer:** This certificate is provided based on 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, see the link below.

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