

**Model health certificate for imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species  
from EU countries**

GBHC001E v3.0 October 2022

<b>Part I. Details of dispatched consignment</b>							
<b>I.1 Consignor</b> Name: Address: Tel:		<b>I.2 Certificate reference no.</b>		<b>I.3 Central competent authority</b>			
		<b>I.2.a UNN</b>		<b>I.4 Local competent authority</b>			
<b>I.5 Consignee</b> Name: Address: Tel:				<b>I.6 Person responsible for the load in Great Britain</b> Name: Address: Tel:			
<b>I.7 Country of origin</b>	<b>ISO code</b>	<b>I.8 Region of origin</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>I.9 Country of destination</b>	<b>ISO code</b>	<b>I.10 Region of destination</b>	<b>Code</b>
<b>I.11 Place of origin</b> Name: Approval number: Address:				<b>I.12 Place of destination</b> Name: Address:			
<b>I.13 Place of loading</b>				<b>I.14 Date of departure</b>			
<b>I.15 Means of transport</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identification: Documentation references:				<b>I.16 Entry BCP</b>			
				<b>I.17 Not in use</b>			

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<b>I.18 Description of commodity</b>					
<b>I.19 Commodity code (HS code)</b>  05 11 99 85		<b>I.21 Not in use</b>		<b>I.23 Seal / Container No.</b>	
<b>I.20 Quantity</b>		<b>I.22 Number of packages</b>		<b>I.24 Not in use</b>	
<b>I.25 Commodity certified for:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial reproduction					
<b>I.26</b> <input type="checkbox"/> For transit through Great Britain to third country  Third country			<b>I.27</b> <input type="checkbox"/> For import or admission into Great Britain  ISO Code		
<b>I.28 Identification of the commodities</b>					
Species (Scientific name)	Breed	Donor identity	Date of collection	Approval number of the centre	Quantity

## Part II. Certification

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, hereby certify that:

**II.1** the exporting country ..... (name of exporting country) <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup>either **[II.1.1]** has during the past 12 months been free of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever and African swine fever, and in the case of African Swine Fever, authorised to export this porcine semen to Great Britain in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU (L 295, 11.10.2014, p. 63), as it applied on the 20 April 2021, and taking into account the regions of the EU affected by ASF which are published on GOV.UK:  
<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/b7712d2e-debb-4996-8e79-d27ca7492a00/animal-health-status-of-countries-approved-to-export-animals-and-animal-products-to-great-britain> <sup>(1)(4)</sup>

and that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases during the past 12 months;]

<sup>(1)</sup>or **[II.1.1]** is recognised as free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH; formerly OIE) and free of classical swine fever and African swine fever, in accordance with the recommendations laid down in the WOAH (formerly OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code;]

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- II.2** the semen collection centre in which the semen in this consignment was collected:
- II.2.1** is approved for export to Great Britain by the veterinary services of .....  
(*name of third country* <sup>(2)</sup>) and complies with the condition for approval and supervision set out in Chapter I and Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 90/429/EEC;
  - II.2.2** was, during the period commencing three months prior to the date of collection of the semen in this consignment until the date of its dispatch, situated in an area not restricted due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, and vesicular stomatitis;
  - II.2.3** was, during the period commencing 30 days prior to the date of collection of the semen in this consignment until the date of its dispatch, free from brucellosis and Aujeszky's disease;
  - <sup>(1)</sup>*either* **II.2.4** contains only animals that have not been vaccinated against Aujeszky's disease and meet the requirements of Annex B to Directive 90/429/EEC.]
  - <sup>(1)(3)</sup>*and/or* **II.2.4** is a centre in which some or all of the animals have been vaccinated against Aujeszky's disease using a gE deleted vaccine and meet the requirements of Annex B to Directive 90/429/EEC.]

#### Conditions for the admission of animals to the semen collection centre

- II.3** Prior to be admitted to the semen collection centre, all animals:
- II.3.1** were subjected to a period of quarantine of at least 30 days in accommodation specifically approved for the purpose by the competent authority, and where only animals having at least the same health status were present (quarantine accommodation);
  - II.3.2** prior to entering the quarantine accommodation, were chosen from herds or holdings:
    - II.3.2.1** which were free of brucellosis in accordance with the Chapter on porcine brucellosis of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation of Animal Health (WOAH; formerly OIE);
    - II.3.2.2** in which no animal vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease was present in the preceding 12 months;
    - II.3.2.3** which were not situated in a restricted area defined under the provisions of the national legislation due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, vesicular stomatitis and Aujeszky's disease;
    - II.3.2.4** in which no clinical, serological, virological or pathological evidence of Aujeszky's disease was detected in the preceding 12 months;
  - II.3.3** prior to entering the quarantine accommodation, were not previously kept in any herd of a lower health status than described in II.3.2;
  - II.3.4** within 30 days prior to entering the quarantine accommodation referred to in point II.3.1, were subjected to the following tests, performed in accordance with international standards, with negative results:
    - II.3.4.1** as regards brucellosis, a buffered Brucella antigen test (rose Bengal test), or a cELISA or an iELISA;
    - II.3.4.2** as regards Aujeszky's disease,

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<sup>(1)</sup>either **II.3.4.2.1** in the case of non-vaccinated animals, a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA for detecting antibodies to the whole Aujeszky's disease virus or to its glycoprotein B (ADV-gB) or glycoprotein D (ADV-gD);]

<sup>(1)</sup>or **II.3.4.2.1** in the case of animals vaccinated with a gE deleted vaccine, an ELISA for detecting antibodies to glycoprotein E (ADV-gE);]

<sup>(1)</sup>either **II.3.5** were admitted to the centre after all of the animals had reacted with negatives result to a buffered brucella antigen test (rose Bengal test), or a cELISA or an iELISA carried out on samples collected during the last 15 days of the period of quarantine specified in point II.3.1;]

<sup>(1)</sup>or **II.3.5** were admitted to the centre after not all of the animals had reacted with negative result to a buffered Brucella antigen test (rose Bengal test), or a cELISA or an iELISA carried out on samples collected during the last 15 days of the period of quarantine specified in point II.3.1 and the suspicion of brucellosis was ruled out in accordance with point I.5 of Chapter I of Annex B to Directive 90/429/EEC;]

**II.3.6** were subjected to the following tests for Aujeszky's disease carried out on samples collected during the last 15 days of the period of quarantine specified in point II.3.1:

<sup>(1)</sup>either **II.3.6.1** in the case of non-vaccinated animals, a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA for detecting antibodies to the whole Aujeszky's disease virus or to its glycoprotein B (ADV-gB) or glycoprotein D (ADV-gD);]

<sup>(1)</sup>or **II.3.6.1** in the case of animals vaccinated with a gE deleted vaccine, an ELISA for detecting antibodies to glycoprotein E (ADV-gE);]

<sup>(1)</sup>either **II.3.6.2** the tests referred to in point II.3.6.1 were carried out with negative result in each case;]

<sup>(1)</sup>or **II.3.6.2** the animals that proved positive in a test referred to in point II.3.6.1 were removed immediately from the quarantine accommodation and the competent authority took all necessary measures to ensure that the remaining animals had a satisfactory health status before being admitted to the collection centre in accordance with point II.3;]

**II.3.7** All tests were carried out in a laboratory approved by the competent authority;

**II.3.8** Animals were only admitted to the semen collection centre with the express permission of the centre veterinarian and all animal movements, entering and exiting the semen collection centre, are recorded;

**II.3.9** No animal admitted to the semen collection centre showed any clinical sign of disease on the day of admission; all animals came directly from the quarantine accommodation which, on the day of consignment and during the period of residency of the animals, officially fulfilled the following conditions:

**II.3.9.1** it was not situated in a restricted area defined under the provisions of national legislation due to an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, vesicular stomatitis and Aujeszky's disease;

**II.3.9.2** no clinical, serological, virological or pathological evidence of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, vesicular stomatitis and Aujeszky's disease had been recorded for the past 30 days.

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**Compulsory routine tests for animals kept at the semen collection centre**

- II.4** All animals kept at the semen collection centre are subjected to the following routine tests carried out in a laboratory approved by the competent authority:
- II.4.1** as regards brucellosis, a buffered Brucella antigen test (rose Bengal test), or a cELISA or an iELISA;
  - II.4.2** as regards Aujeszky's disease,
    - <sup>(1)</sup>either **II.4.2.1** in the case of non-vaccinated animals, a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA for detecting antibodies to the whole Aujeszky's disease virus or to its glycoprotein B (ADV-gB) or glycoprotein D (ADV-gD);]
    - <sup>(1)</sup>or **II.4.2.1** in the case of animals vaccinated with a gE deleted vaccine, an ELISA for detecting antibodies to glycoprotein E (ADV-gE);]
  - II.4.3** The routine tests referred to in points II.4.1 and II.4.2, are carried out on samples taken in accordance with point 1.2 of Chapter II of Annex B to Directive 90/429/EEC in order to ensure that all animals in the centre have been tested at least once during their stay at that centre and at least every 12 months from the date of admission, if their stay exceeds 12 months;
    - <sup>(1)</sup>either **II.4.4** All of the animals have reacted with negative results in the routine tests referred to in points II.4.1 and II.4.2 carried out on samples referred to in point II.4.3.]
    - <sup>(1)</sup>or **II.4.4** Not all of the animals have reacted with negative results in the tests referred to in points II.4.1 and II.4.2 carried out on samples referred to in point II.4.3:
      - (a)** the animals which proved positive were isolated,
      - (b)** the semen collected from each animal at the centre since the date of that animal's last negative test was held in separate storage from semen eligible for export to Great Britain which was collected before the animal's last negative test or after the health status of the centre had been re-established under responsibility of the competent authority of the exporting country.]

**Conditions for semen collected at a semen collection centre and intended for export to Great Britain**

- II.5** The semen in this consignment was obtained from animals which:
- II.5.1** have been resident in ..... (*name of third country*<sup>(2)</sup>) for a minimum period of three months immediately prior to collection;
  - II.5.2** showed no clinical signs of disease on the day the semen was collected;
  - II.5.3** had not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease;
  - II.5.4** satisfy the requirements referred to in point II.3;
  - II.5.5** have not been allowed to serve naturally;
  - II.5.6** were kept in semen collection centres which were not situated in a restricted area designated under the provisions of the national legislation relating to foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease vesicular stomatitis and Aujeszky's disease;

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**II.5.7** were kept in semen collection centres in which no clinical, serological, virological or pathological evidence of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, vesicular stomatitis and Aujeszky's disease has been detected in the 30-day period immediately prior to collection.

**II.6** An effective combination of antibiotics, in particular against leptospires, was added to the semen in this consignment after final dilution or to the diluent. In the case of frozen semen, antibiotics were added before the semen was frozen.

**II.6.1** The combination of antibiotics referred to in point II.6. produced an effect at least equivalent to the following concentration in the final diluted semen:

- (a) not less than 500 µ streptomycin per ml final dilution,
- (b) not less than 500 IU penicillin per ml final dilution,
- (c) not less than 150 µ lincomycin per ml final dilution,
- (d) not less than 300 µ spectinomycin per ml final dilution;

**II.6.2** Immediately after the addition of the antibiotics the diluted semen was kept at a temperature of at least 15°C for a period of not less than 45 minutes.

**II.7** The semen in this consignment:

**II.7.1** has been stored as laid down in point 2(d) of Chapter I and point 6(a), (b), (e) and (f) of Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 90/429/EEC prior to dispatch;

**II.7.2** is being transported to the country of destination in flasks which were cleaned and disinfected or sterilised before use and which have been sealed prior to dispatch from the approved storage facilities.

<sup>(1)(4)</sup>**II.8** Porcine semen in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU (L 295, 11.10.2014, p. 63), as it applied on the 20 April 2021, and taking into account the regions of the EU affected by African Swine Fever (ASF) which are published on GOV.UK: <https://data.gov.uk/dataset/b7712d2e-debb-4996-8e79-d27ca7492a00/animal-health-status-of-countries-approved-to-export-animals-and-animal-products-to-great-britain>

## Notes

References to European Union legislation within this certificate are references to direct EU legislation which has been retained in Great Britain (retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) and can be viewed on the UK legislation website (legislation.gov.uk).

References to Great Britain in this certificate include Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

## Part I:

Box reference I.6: Person responsible for the load in GB, this box is to be filled in only if it is a certificate for transit commodity.

Box reference I.8: Provide the code of the third country as set out in a document relating to 'porcine semen' published on gov.uk, in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU.<sup>(5)</sup>

Box reference I.11: Place of origin shall correspond to the semen collection centre of the semen dispatch listed in accordance with Article 8(2) of Directive 90/429/EEC.

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- Box reference I.12: Place of destination: this box is to be filled in only if it is a certificate for transit commodity.
- Box reference I.22: Number of packages shall correspond to the number of containers.
- Box reference I.23: Identification of container and seal number shall be indicated.
- Box reference I.26: Fill in according to whether it is a transit or an import certificate.
- Box reference I.27: Fill in according to whether it is a transit or an import certificate.
- Box reference I.28: Donor identity shall correspond to the official identification of the animal.
- Date of collection shall be indicated in the following format: dd/mm/yyyy.
- Approval number of the centre shall correspond to the approval number of the semen collection centre where the semen was collected.

**Part II:**

- (1) Delete as necessary.
- (2) Countries listed in a document relating to 'porcine semen' published on gov.uk, in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU.<sup>(5)</sup>
- (3) This option shall be deleted where the country of destination, or a region thereof, is free of Aujeszky's disease in accordance with Article 10 of Directive 64/432/EEC.
- (4) Only for EU territories subject to additional requirements as listed in a document relating to 'porcine semen' published on gov.uk, in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU<sup>(5)</sup>
- (5) A document relating to 'porcine semen' for EU and EFTA states published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers, may be found here:

[EU and EFTA states approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain - data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk)

The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.

<b>Official Veterinarian</b>	
Name (in capital letters):	Qualification and title:
Date:	Signature:
Stamp:	