

**EXPORT OF CANINE SEMEN TO BELGIUM**

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

This document should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with 9032EHC.

**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. in Great Britain only.

**CERTIFICATION**

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

**COUNTRY OF EXPORT**

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).

**IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS**

This certificate may be used for one animal donor at a time. Create and include a schedule to add additional information should the space provided not be enough.

**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:

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.

#### **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Disease clearance is required at establishment level only.

In this scenario, OVs do not have to approach CITC and should establish freedom themselves.

### **Check official UK listing for freedom**

For national and regional freedom of diseases first check the official sources of disease information for the United Kingdom.

- the Notifiable Disease Occurrence List for Great Britain (ET171) available on the 'Exports > Certification Procedures' page of the APHA Vet Gateway (link below),
- the UK Status for Non-Notifiable Diseases Relevant to Export Certification (ET152) available on the 'Exports > Certification Procedures' page of the APHA Vet Gateway, (link below).

[http://apha.defra.gov.uk//External OV Instructions/Export Instructions/Certification Procedures/index.htm](http://apha.defra.gov.uk//External%20OV%20Instructions/Export%20Instructions/Certification%20Procedures/index.htm)

These listings are the starting basis on which the diseases listed there, can be certified, however, the recent occurrence of a disease does not necessarily preclude certification.

A final check on the day of certification is required.

### **Check other sources**

For diseases that are not in the official lists or that are listed and may not be geographically or/and chronologically relevant:

For diseases that require disease freedom attestations at the level of the establishment of origin/departure (within the boundaries), OVs should check establishment records, check with the veterinarian responsible for the registered establishment (if a different person), and collect evidence as necessary for themselves, and certify when compliant with the attestations in the certificate.

### **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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