

EXPORT OF CANINE SEMEN TO AUSTRALIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 970EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 970EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 970EHC may be used for the export of canine semen from the United Kingdom to Australia. A separate veterinary health certificate must be completed for each donor dog.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

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

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance

checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the department, where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

An import permit should be obtained from Australia's government authority. Further information can be found at Section 12 of this document.

4. **IDENTIFICATION**

Section I refers. The donor animal must be identified with an International Standards Organisation (ISO) compliant microchip (transponder), and the site of implantation and the identification number of each animal must be recorded on the export health certificate. The identity of the animal must be confirmed by reading the microchip each time a treatment, vaccination or test is performed. The microchip number must be recorded on all test results (if applicable) and treatment records.

Section II refers, the table must be completed with the information specified on 970EHC.

5. **PORT OF ENTRY**

Paragraph II c) refers. The Regional Office must be that relevant to the Port of arrival as follows:

Port Of Arrival	Contact Details
Sydney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - Central East Region 1 Crewe Place, Rosebery NSW 2018 • Email: ceranimalimports@agriculture.gov.au • Phone: (02) 8334 7434
Melbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - South East Region c/- Customs House Corner Grant & Centre Road Melbourne Airport VIC 3043 • Email: seanimal@agriculture.gov.au • Phone: (03) 8318 6767 • Fax: (03) 8308 5071
Brisbane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - North East Region 42-44 Qantas Drive Eagle Farm QLD 4009 • Email: qldliveanimalimports@agriculture.gov.au • Phone: (07) 3246 8633 or (07) 3247 7749 • Fax: (07) 3246 8798
Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - Northern Region Building 114, Catalina Crescent Airport Business Park, Cairns Airport Cairns, QLD 4870 • Email: CDO@agriculture.gov.au • Phone: (07) 4241 7800 • Fax: (07) 4241 7843
Adelaide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - South West Region Adelaide International Airport Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Export Park SA 5950 • Email: importassessment@agriculture.gov.au • Phone: (08) 8201 6000 • Fax: (08) 8201 6111
Perth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: Department of Agriculture and Water Resources 24 Fricker Road Perth International Airport WA 6105 • Email: waliveanimalimports@agriculture.gov.au

6. **OWNER/EXPORTER WRITTEN DECLARATION**

Paragraph III a) refers. The OV must carry out any enquiries he/she considers necessary and sign this statement on the basis of any evidence available to him/her including a written declaration by the owner/exporter of the donor dog. Declarations should not be attached to the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record purposes.

7. **APPROVED COUNTRIES**

Paragraph III a) and d) refer. Australia's approved countries are as follows:

American Samoa; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Aruba; Austria; Bahamas; Bahrain; Barbados; Belgium; Bermuda; Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Canada; Cayman Islands; Chile; Christmas Islands; Cook Islands; Croatia; Curacao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Falkland Islands (Malvinas); Fiji; Finland; France; French Polynesia; Germany; Gibraltar; Greece; Greenland; Guam; Guernsey; Hong Kong; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Isle of Man; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jersey; Kiribati; Korea, Republic of; Kuwait; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macau; Malaysia (Excl. Federal Territory of Labuan); Malta; Mauritius; Micronesia, Federated States of; Monaco; Montenegro; Nauru; Netherlands; New Caledonia; Niue; North Mariana Islands (Saipan only); Norway; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Poland; Portugal; Puerto Rico; Qatar; Reunion; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Serbia; Seychelles; Singapore; Sint Maarten; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Taiwan; Tonga; Trinidad & Tobago; Tuvalu; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States; Uruguay; Vanuatu; Virgin Islands, British; Virgin Islands, U.S; Wallis & Futuna Islands

8. **Clinical examination**

Paragraph III b) refers. The examination should consist of visual inspection, supported as necessary by clinical examination, laboratory reports, treatment records and any other evidence in connection with the donor dog or dogs or animals in contact with the donor dog.

9. **Laboratory Tests**

Paragraphs III c) i), ii), iii) and d) refer. When such tests are carried out, blood samples must be sent for testing to the APHA laboratory in Weybridge. Potentially ALL laboratory tests could be conducted in an approved country listed above in point 7 of 970NFG.

The following documents must accompany the consignment to Australia and must have been endorsed (signed and stamped) by the Official Government Veterinarian:

- Brucella canis laboratory report
- Leishmania infantum laboratory report
- Leptospira interrogans sv. Canicola laboratory report (if not vaccinated)

10. **Vaccinations**

Paragraph III c) iv) refer. Vaccines used must be licensed in the UK and the date and details of vaccination(s) must be entered on the export health certificate as required.

11. **SEMEN COLLECTION AND SEALING OF THE TRANSPORT CONTAINER**

Paragraph III e), f) g) and refer. The semen must be collected and stored in the manner prescribed in paragraph III e), f) and g) of 970EHC.

Paragraph III h) refers. The container must be sealed in an approved manner by the OV and the seal number entered in paragraph III h) of 970EHC.

To Note: Consignments must be addressed to the Australian owner/person in charge and shipped as manifest cargo to the department's regional office located in the state/territory in which the consignment will first arrive in Australia. Transport via international mail is not acceptable.

All required documentation, including the veterinary health certificate, should be securely attached to the outside of the package and marked "Attention Department of Agriculture and Water Resources" (see also additional notes in Section 12 below).

See list at point 5 above for regional offices.

12. **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Any corrections made to the veterinary health certificate must be struck through, remain legible and be signed and stamped by an OV (correction fluid must not be used).

The owner/person in charge must give the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources at least three (3) days notice of the consignment's arrival in Australia. This must be done by emailing or faxing the following information to the department's regional office located in the state/territory in which the consignment will first arrive in Australia:

- date and estimated time of arrival
- flight number
- air way bill number
- a contact phone number in Australia

It is the owner/person in charge's responsibility to provide all evidence required to demonstrate that the consignment meets the import conditions. All required documentation, including the veterinary health certificate, should be securely attached to the outside of the package and marked "Attention Department of Agriculture and Water Resources".

The owner/person in charge must make an appointment for the inspection of the goods and documentation by the department. The owner/person in charge must be present at the inspection. On arrival, the consignment will be subject to biosecurity control where it will remain until a biosecurity officer has completed the physical inspection of the consignment and all required documentation.

Consignments that do not meet the import conditions will remain under the department's control pending export or destruction.

It is the owner/person in charge's responsibility to ensure they have complied with requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation. It is the owner/person in

charge's responsibility to arrange for any additional testing for genetic and endemic infectious diseases, or for movement of animals or genetic material into certain animal health zones within Australia.

For further information please contact:

Regional - Clearance assistance:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/about/contactus/phone/regional>

Canberra - Administrative assistance or technical assistance:

imports@agriculture.gov.au or 1800 900 090 (+61 3 8318 6700 from outside Australia)

Additional information: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides/canine-semen-approved-countries>.

17. **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, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk