

Animal Health Act 1981
The Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980

General Licence to import dog or cat embryos, ova and semen from donors that are compliant with the conditions in Regulation (EU) No. 576/2013 (IMP/GEN/2024/10)

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this licence issued under the terms of Article 4 of the Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980, authorises the landing in Great Britain of:

Dog or cat embryos, ova and semen from donors that are compliant with the conditions in Regulation (EU) No. 576/2013 that apply to the import of dogs and cats into the United Kingdom.

from

Any country

in accordance with the conditions set out below.

Official stamp



Signature:

R. Wallace

Issued by:

Rachel J. Wallace

Date:

13/06/2024

Animal and Plant Health Agency. Authorised by the Secretary of State and acting on behalf of the Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers.

DATA PROTECTION

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Conditions for the importation of embryos, ova and semen, into Great Britain from a dog or cat that complies with the import requirements in Regulation (EU) No. 576/2013

Identification and health status

1. The donor animal must be permanently identifiable by a microchip.
2. Immediately before the first collection of embryo, ova or semen, the donor animal must be scanned for its microchip and the preparation order and current rabies booster vaccination with no lapse in boosters are compliant with Regulation (EU) No. 576/2013.
3. In the case of unlisted Third Countries, there must be a satisfactory blood sample in compliance with Regulation (EU) No 576/2013, which was taken three months before embryo/ova/semen collection.
4. Immediately before the first collection of embryo, ova or semen, the donor animal must be subjected to veterinary examination and show no clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
5. The embryo, ova or semen must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate signed by an authorised Veterinary Officer of the Government giving the following information:
 - I. name and address of the owner of the donor animal
 - II. address of the premises at which the embryo, ova or semen was collected and processed
 - III. identity, breed, date of birth and the microchip number of the donor animal
 - IV. a statement confirming that the donor animal complies with the import conditions of Regulation (EU) No. 576/2013 and was eligible to enter Great Britain under that Regulation at the time of embryo, ova or semen collection
 - V. dates of collection of the embryo, ova or semen to be exported
 - VI. number of ampoules, and
 - VII. the indelible identification marking on the ampoules of embryo, ova or semen

Embryos, ova and semen collection and storage

6. The embryo, ova or semen must be consigned in sealed ampoules or straws, each ampoule or straw must be permanently identified and the identification mark of each noted on the veterinary certificate.
7. The sealed ampoules or straws must be kept in a container which is unused or sterile and which does not contain other embryo, ova or semen that does not meet the same standards.
8. The sealed ampoules or straws containing the embryo, ova or semen must be securely packed in a container; on arrival at the destination address any wrapping must be incinerated and all non disposal items must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

Entry into Great Britain

9. The embryo, ova or semen must be accompanied by a copy of this General Licence and a completed Veterinary Certificate.
10. Consignments may only be imported into Great Britain through an approved border control post (BCP). In case of consignments coming from the Republic of Ireland which satisfy the requirements in Regulation 19(1)(a) or (b), as modified by paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011, such consignments may only be imported into Great Britain through an approved BCP or through Heysham. All consignments must undergo a veterinary check in accordance with the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011, the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011 and The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012.
11. Consignments must be pre-notified to the relevant BCP before arrival, by completion of Part I of the Common Health Entry Document (CHED) or by electronic means as agreed with the BCP competent authority.

Notes

a) For the purposes of this licence, the requirements of Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 are:

In the following order:

- identified by means of a microchip
- vaccinated with a vaccine licensed in the country of residence
- undergone a qualifying period of 21 days

And in the case of unlisted countries:

- identified by means of a microchip
- vaccinated with a vaccine licensed in the country of residence
- had a blood sample taken at least 30 days after the vaccination with positive results
- undergone a qualifying period of three months

b) For Paragraph 3, an unlisted country is a country that is not listed in Annex II of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 577/2013.

c) Paragraph 5. IV - for this licence, the donor animal is not required to meet the import conditions in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2018/772 as regards tapeworm treatment.

d) Please note that the [Dangerous Dogs Act 1991](#) (DDA) prohibits the breeding from certain breeds of dogs that are banned under the Act. Please refer to the DDA before planning an import of canine embryo/ova/semen into GB. Further information is available at [GOV.UK](#).

e) References made to European Union legislation within this licence are references to Assimilated law as defined under the Retained EU Law (revocation and Reform) Act 2023.

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