

EXPORT OF PIG SEMEN TO THE STATE OF SARAWAK, MALAYSIA - 8894EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8894EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but should be read in conjunction with certificate 8894EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 8894EHC may be used for the export of fresh or frozen pig semen from the United Kingdom to the State of Sarawak, Malaysia.

2. OBTAINING AN IMPORT PERMIT

Each consignment of porcine semen must be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the State Veterinary Authority of the State of Sarawak, Malaysia.

The number of the Import Permit should be entered in the space provided immediately above Section I of the certificate.

3. 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 ink of a different colour to that of the printing.

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

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 EHC 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

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

4. SCHEDULES

Parts I and II refer. Separate schedules may be used to identify the donor boars and porcine semen certified. Schedules must contain the same information as that required in Parts I and II. Parts I and II must be annotated 'See attached schedule' as appropriate. Each page of the schedule(s) must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the OV.

The schedule(s) must be stapled inside the health certificate and the OV should 'fan' and stamp over the pages of the schedule(s) and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule(s) and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule(s) or in Parts I and II must be deleted with diagonal lines.

6. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Exports of porcine semen to the State of Sarawak, Malaysia must take place from semen collection centres that are approved and operated in accordance with the relevant UK legislation (Directive 90/429 in GB

or EU Regulation 2020/686 in NI) for trade/intra-community trade. See list on gov.uk for GB semen collection centres:

[Porcine semen collection centres - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

The list is available on TRACES for semen collection centres in NI.

7. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

OVs may certify paragraph V(a) of the certificate on behalf of the Department, provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA CIT at Carlisle or via disease clearance procedures in DAERA.

8. CLINICAL FREEDOM FROM OTHER DISEASES

Paragraph V(b) refers. In accordance with the Sarawak Import Conditions for pig semen, donor boars must be clinically free from the list of diseases specified in this paragraph at the time the semen was collected.

Some of the named diseases are notifiable in the UK (anthrax, rabies, Aujeszky's disease, Teschen disease (Polioencephalomyelitis) and vesicular stomatitis). Other diseases in the list have not been reported in the UK (melioidosis, West Nile virus). Transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE) was last reported in the UK in 1999. Porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED) has not been recorded in England since 2015 and not recorded in Scotland since 2016.

OVs may also wish to consult forms ET171 (Notifiable disease occurrence list for Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and ET152 (UK status for non-notifiable disease relevant to export certification). These forms are available on the Improve OV website:

Form ET171: https://www.improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions-file.php?unique_id=6724f0d9f0067&file_type=Form&action=view

Form ET152: https://www.improve-ov.com/instructions/instructions-file.php?unique_id=6724f0ce6de64&file_type=Form&action=view

For the remaining diseases (porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS), brucellosis (*B.suis*), trichomoniasis, campylobacteriosis, swine influenza, porcine respiratory coronavirus (PRCV), post weaning multisystemic wasting syndrome (PMWS) and porcine dermatitis and nephropathy syndrome (PDNS)), OVs should take into account their personal knowledge of the disease status of the semen collection centre, if necessary with the support of an centre vet declaration confirming clinical freedom from the said diseases in the 8894EHC at the time of collection.

It is advised for OVs to take into account their personal knowledge of the disease status of the premises of origin the boars originated from, if necessary with the support of an owner declaration confirming clinical freedom from the said diseases before the animal moved into the semen collection centre.

OVs should also carry out appropriate checks of the farm records including use of medicines, fertility and birth records to verify freedom from the named diseases.

9. LEPTOSPIROSIS

Paragraph V(c) refers. Paragraph V(c) (2) may be certified on the basis that UK legislation requires that approved porcine semen collection centres must use semen diluents containing antibiotics or mixtures of antibiotics that are effective in particular against leptospires.

OVs should delete paragraph V(c) (1) accordingly.

10. DISCLAIMER

It is the responsibility of the exporter to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country, if these are available. If the permit or advice do not match the assurances provided on 8764EHC, in the case of export from Great Britain, the exporter should contact the APHA CIT at Carlisle at product.exports@apha.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301.

For export from Northern Ireland, exporters should contact the DAERA Trade Administration Team for live animals and animal products by email at TradeAdminPost@daera-ni.gov.uk or by telephone 028 77442 141.