

**EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO MALAYSIA - 6863EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6863EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but should be read in conjunction with certificate 6863EHC.

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.

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**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6863EHC may be used for the export of fresh/frozen porcine semen from the United Kingdom to Malaysia.

**2. OBTAINING AN IMPORT PERMIT**

Each consignment of porcine semen must be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) permitting the importation of such product into 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](mailto: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**

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 Malaysia must take place from semen collection centres that are an approved and operated in accordance with the relevant UK legislation (Directive 92/429 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/porcine-semen-collection-centres)

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

#### **7. NOTIFIABLE/REPORTABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

OVs may certify paragraph V(a) and V(f) (regarding FMD, Aujeszky disease, ASF, CSF and swine brucellosis) 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.

OVs may also certify paragraph V(b) on the basis that transmissible gastro-enteritis in pigs was last confirmed in the UK in 1999.

The certifying veterinarian may also wish to contact the APHA CIT in Carlisle or the local office of DAERA for the latest situation regarding any of these diseases in the UK prior to signing the certificate.

#### **8. PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (PRRS) DECLARATIONS**

Paragraphs V(c) and V(d) refer. PRRS is endemic throughout the UK so sub-paragraph V(c)(i) must be deleted.

With regard to PRRS testing of boars kept at approved semen collection centres, OVs must ensure that the PRRS testing requirements described in sub-paragraph V(d)(i) of the certificate are fully complied with. These closely match, but are not identical to, the PRRS testing regimes laid down in Directive 90/429.

#### **9. TESTING OF DONOR BOARS FOR TRANSMISSIBLE GASTRO-ENTERITIS (TGE)**

Paragraphs V(g) and V(h) refer. OVs should note that testing of donor boars for TGE is an additional requirement for export of porcine semen to Malaysia. TGE testing with negative results is required for boars both in pre-entry isolation and also as part of the annual testing regime while resident in the centre.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:TradeAdminPost@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by telephone 028 77442 141.