

EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN OF UNITED KINGDOM (UK) ORIGIN TO ISLE OF MAN

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

Associated Documents: 5723EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5723EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5723EHC. 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

Export health certificate 5723EHC may be used for the export of bovine semen collected at Approved Semen Collection Centres from the United Kingdom to Isle of Man. The export health certificate 5700EHC should be used for the export of semen not of United Kingdom origin.

2. Schedules

Paragraph I refers: A separate schedule may be used to identify the product certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph I and paragraph I must be annotated "See attached schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian (OV).

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

If multiple bluetongue options are certified for paragraph IV.6 in the certificate, then the schedule must specify which semen was tested and by which method.

3. Directive 88/407

The certifying veterinarians must be conversant with the provisions of Directive 88/407 (and any subsequent amendments), which lays down the animal health requirements applicable to EU trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of bovine species. Directive 88/407 is applicable for approval of semen collection centres in Great Britain and the equivalent legislation in Northern Ireland (EU Regulation 2020/686).

4. IBR/IPVV

If paragraph IV 3 cannot be certified, then it should be deleted and one of the options at paragraph IV 4 must be certified. Option IV 4 (c), is no longer valid for semen collected on or after 31/12/1998 and should therefore be deleted in case of semen collected on or after that date (Article 3(d) of Directive 88/407 (as amended) refers.

5. Notifiable disease clearance - Bluetongue

Paragraph IV.6(a) refer: OVs may certify this paragraph on behalf of 5723NFG (10/10/2025)

the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle or DAERA in Northern Ireland.

Paragraph IV.6(b) and (c) refer: OV's may certify this paragraph if the testing requirements are met, as applicable.

If multiple bluetongue options are certified for paragraph IV.6, the schedule must specify which semen was tested and by which method.

6. Countersignature Requirements

This certificate must be countersigned by an APHA Veterinarian.

All requests for countersignature must be submitted to the Centre for International Trade - Carlisle (CITC) at least two working days in advance of the requested date/time of countersignature using Request for APHA Veterinarian Countersignature of an Export Health Certificate (ET145) application.

The ET145 application can be submitted to CITC:

- a. as an attachment, at the same time you complete an online application for certification, on the Export Health Certificates (EHC) Online service, or
- b. by email to processingteam@apha.gov.uk

Upon receipt of your ET145 application CITC will liaise with an APHA Veterinarian at your preferred countersigning office/area to make arrangements for countersignature to take place and notify you of the arrangements made.

7. Completion of the health certificate

Certifying officers must complete, sign, stamp and date the export health certificate in ink of any colour **other than black**.

8. Retention and return of copies of health certificates

The AVS for the semen centre should retain a copy of the signed certificate for his/her records. The countersigning Veterinary Officer must ensure that a certified copy of the completed countersigned certificate is returned to APHA CIT Carlisle within 7 days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast, within seven days of signing, and the Veterinary Officer should also retain a local record copy.

9. Transportation

During transport, and on arrival in Isle of Man, the semen must not come into contact with semen not certified to the same health status.

10. Import conditions

Exporters should be aware of the following conditions as required by the competent authority of Isle of Man:

- i. The consignment of semen must be accompanied during transport by full EU health certification in accordance with 88/407 (as amended) (paragraph 2 above refers). (For exports from UK, the 5723EHC performs this function as it certifies compliance with 88/407).
- ii. The official EU health certification must be presented to, and approved by an Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry before removal of the semen from

Ronaldsway airport.

- iii. The outside of the container must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected prior to removal from Ronaldsway airport.
- iv. The semen referred to above must be conveyed direct to the destination specified in the import licence and not removed therefrom except by an Authorised Officer of the Department.
- v. The consignment of semen must be accompanied by either an original or a copy of an import licence issued by the competent authority of Isle of Man.
- vi. An import licence is required which is valid for 28 days from the date of issue unless previously revoked on animal health grounds (enter import licence number at paragraph III e) of the export health certificate).

11. 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 Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency>

or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.