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Veterinary Support Certificate for Donor Cows

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I. Information Concerning the Donor Cow(s)

Breed	Age	Individual Identification	
		Official Herd mark	Individual Mark

1. Name of owner..... (BLOCK CAPITALS);

2. Address of farm or organisation:

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.....;

3. Address of holding where the donor cows are kept (if different from 2 above):

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.....;

4. Address of holding where oocytes/embryos are to be collected (if different from 3 above):

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.....;

II. Health Information

I, the undersigned, declare that the animals described above meet the following requirements:

- a) on (date) being the day of oocyte/embryo collection, the donor cows were examined and showed no clinical signs of disease;
- b) a written declaration has been received from the *owner/*agent of the owner stating that:

EITHER

- *i. the donor cows were born and have been reared since birth on the territory of the *European Union and/or *Great Britain (and have been resident for at least 6 months in Great Britain);

OR

- *ii. the donor cows were imported legally from a Third Country in accordance with European Union rules and been resident in Great Britain for at least 6 months prior to collection;

- c) a written declaration has been received from the *owner/*agent of the owner stating that the donor animals have been resident in the herds of origin for at least 30 days prior to collection;

- ¹d) the donor animals come from herds which are:

- i. officially free from tuberculosis;
ii. *officially free/*free from brucellosis;

iii. EITHER

- a) free from enzootic bovine leucosis;

OR

- b) NOT free from leucosis but for which certification has been obtained that there has not been any clinical case of bovine leucosis during the past 3 years;

- ²e) as far as can be determined, no clinical signs of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/ infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis has occurred in the herd of origin during the past 12 months prior to collection;

- f) on the day of collection the donor cows were kept in a holding which was not subject to veterinary prohibition or quarantine measures (i.e. holding was not in a protection/surveillance zone established following the confirmation of an epizootic disease e.g. FMD).

- ³g) EITHER

- *i. as far as can be determined, surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*) has not been reported

in the holding during the last 2 years prior to the date of collection.

OR

*ii. as far as can be determined, surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*) has not been reported during the 30 days prior to the date of collection and when the disease was reported in the holding during the preceding 2 years prior to collection, the holding remained under movement restrictions following the outbreak and until the date of the last infected animal was removed from the holding and the remaining animals were subjected to a test (as listed in Annex I to EU Regulation 2020/688) for surra with negative results taken at least 6 months after the last infected animal was removed.

*Delete as appropriate

If the Team Veterinarian does not have direct knowledge of this, they must obtain a written confirmation from the private veterinarian before signing paragraphs (1d), (2e) and (3g) above. A copy must be kept with this document for future reference.

Official Stamp

Signed: RCVS

Name in block letters:
Team Veterinarian

Address:
.....
.....

Date:

Telephone:

Fax No: