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**EXPORT OF EQUINE SEMEN TO BAHRAIN**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

1. **Scope**  
Export health certificate 8923EHC may be used to accompany fresh, chilled or frozen equine semen from the United Kingdom to Bahrain.
2. **Import permit**  
Paragraph II (d) refers. Permission to import must be obtained from the Bahrain authorities. The import permit number must be entered into the corresponding line.
3. **Identification of horses**  
Paragraph I refers. It is essential that all stallions are correctly identified and that the identity of each animal is confirmed whenever it is examined, collected from, sampled or treated. In the absence of a passport and if there is no other means of identification such as a tattoo or microchip, the Official Veterinarian should prepare a silhouette for use while the animal is on the collection centre. This silhouette should be retained by the Official Veterinarian and filed with a copy of each semen export health certificate which is issued for that animal. The silhouette, or other identification document must accompany the EHC.
4. **Transportation of the semen**  
Paragraph II refers. Details of the exporter / consignor, consignee, means of transportation and Import Permit number must be fully entered at the appropriate lines.
5. **Approval of the Semen Collection & Storage Centres**  
Paragraph III refers. The centre must be registered by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs if in GB, or by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland. The exporter should apply to the local Animal Health Divisional Office for approval of a centre. Official Veterinarians should check at the time of certification that the semen collection centre and / or storage centre have valid approvals.
6. **Information concerning the semen**  
Paragraph IV (a) to (e) refer. Paragraphs V (a) to (e) require information about the semen and packaging. In particular the semen containing flask must be tamper proof. The exporter is responsible for provision of the tamper-proof seal used to seal the transport container under the Official Veterinarian's supervision. The seal number should be entered at paragraph IV (e).



7. **Health information**

The OV should refer to APHA Centre for International Trade for relevant disease freedom status. There are different requirements for fresh, chilled and frozen semen. The OV should ensure that the status of the semen is clear, and the relevant requirements met. In the case of frozen semen either paragraphs V (d), (e), (f) and (g) or paragraphs V (j), (k) and (l) may be certified. Paragraph V (h) must be certified in all cases when frozen semen is exported.

8. **Health information relating to the donor stallion and diagnostic tests and storage of semen**

Paragraphs V b) (i) & (ii) refer. The (1) denotes that one of the options within the sentence needs to be selected with the other option to be deleted.

9. **Completion of the health certificate**

The export health certificate must be signed and stamped with the Official Veterinarian stamp in ink of any colour other than black.

