

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO MALAWI - 8915EHC

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 8915EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but should be read in conjunction with certificate 8915EHC.

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 8915EHC may be used for the export of frozen porcine semen from the United Kingdom to Malawi.

2. IMPORT PERMIT

Each consignment of porcine semen must be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture Department of Animal Health and Livestock Development of Malawi

The number of the Import Permit should be entered at IV(d) 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 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.

5. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

For export from semen collection centres situated in the United Kingdom, 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.

6. PREMISES FREEDOM FROM BRUCELLA SUIIS

Paragraph V(b) refers. The farm from which the animals originate refers to the premises/holding where the donors were kept and from which they were moved into approved isolation premises to undergo statutory isolation before admission to the semen collection centre. In accordance with UK legislation, for donors boars to be admitted into the Semen Collection Centre, the premises/holding of origin must be confirmed as officially free of brucellosis before the movement can take place.

OVs may certify paragraph V(b) on this basis.

OVs may also wish to confirm absence of *B. suis* infection in the UK by referring to Form ET152 – UK Status for non-notifiable disease relevant to export certification, available via the following link:

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

7. APPROVED SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRES

Exports of porcine semen to Malawi must take place from semen collection centres that are 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 semen collection centres in Great Britain:

[Porcine semen collection centres – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/porcine-semen-collection-centres)

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

OVs may certify paragraph V(c) on the basis that the semen collection centre from which the exported semen originates is approved and operating in accordance with retained Directive 90/429/EEC.

8. 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 Centre for International Trade (CIT) – Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#customer-service-centres-csc>

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team at DAERAttradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk