

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO ISLE OF MAN - 6627EHC

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 6627EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but should be read in conjunction with certificate 6627EHC.

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 6627EHC may be used for the export of fresh/frozen porcine semen from the United Kingdom to Isle of Man.

2. OBTAINING AN IMPORT PERMIT

Each consignment of porcine semen must be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA), Isle of Man government agriculture@gov.im or 01624 685844 permitting the importation of such product into Isle of Man.

The importer is also required to inform DEFA when the semen arrives on the Isle of Man.

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 System (DECS) 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. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Exports of porcine semen to Isle of Man must take place from semen collection centres that are approved and operated in accordance with EU Regulation 2020/686 for trade. See list on gov.uk for GB semen collection centres:

[Porcine semen collection centres - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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

5. TESTING OF DONOR BOARS FOR AUJEZSKY'S DISEASE

Paragraph V(b) refers. Donor animals admitted to a semen collection centre, within a period of 30 days prior to entering the quarantine accommodation, the animals must have been subjected to an ELISA to detect antibodies to the whole Aujeszky's disease virus or a serum neutralisation test, in line with delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686.

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 6627EHC, in the case of export from Great Britain, the exporter should contact the APHA CIT at Carlisle at 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.