

# Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

## Regulation and Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-AU-13

Date: 29 January 2016

### EQISEMFRE.AU 1 February 2016 – EQUINE SEMEN (FRESH) TO AUSTRALIA

#### 1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

(i) the issue under section 60 of the Overseas Market Access requirements for equine semen (fresh) to Australia EQISEMFRE.AU dated 1 February 2016;

(ii) the revocation and replacement of the Overseas Market Access requirements for equine semen (fresh) to Australia HORSEMEC2.AU dated 25 September 2012;

(iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for equine semen (fresh) to Australia.

This notice takes effect from the 1st February 2016.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of January 2016

Signed: Howard Pharo  
Manager Import and Export Animals  
Animal and Animal Products Directorate  
Regulation and Assurance Branch  
(acting under delegated authority)

#### 2. Australia requirements

Equine semen (fresh) exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

#### **Explanatory note:**

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the equine semen (fresh) does not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the equine semen (fresh) does not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.





Certificate No: .....

**NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

**ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**

Commodity: EQUINE SEMEN (FRESH)

To: AUSTRALIA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit No: .....

<b>I: DONOR ANIMAL</b>	
Name	
Breed	
Year of birth	
Colour	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Microchip No. / Brand / Tattoo	
Date of entry onto semen centre	
<b>II: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SEMEN</b>	
Date(s) of semen collection	
No. of vials / bags	
Vial / bag identification <sup>(1)</sup>	
Transport container(s) identification <sup>(2)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Each vial / bag must be identified with the **Stallion Name / Reg No. / Centre / Date**. Markings must be indelible and listed against the transport container(s)

<sup>(2)</sup> The transport container(s) must be clearly identified and sealed with a tamper-proof MPI security seal

**III: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN**

Name, address and registration number of the semen centre where the semen was collected / processed / stored:.....

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Name and address of the exporter: .....  
.....

**IV: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN**

Name and address of the consignee: .....

## V: ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

### VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ....., an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the donor animal and semen described in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

#### 1. Residency and Country Health Status

1.1 Immediately prior to the first collection of semen for export, the donor animal(s) was:

1.1.1 [continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or since import from Australia]\*

**OR**

1.1.2 [continuously resident in New Zealand for at least sixty (60) days since import]\*

**OR**

1.1.3 [continuously resident in New Zealand for less than sixty (60) days since import on..... from.....(Approved Country), and an owner/agent declaration stating that the horse(s) has been continuously resident in an Approved Country(s) during the sixty (60) days immediately prior to import into New Zealand has been sighted]\*

*\* Delete as applicable*

1.2 No clinical, epidemiological or other evidence of the following diseases has occurred in New Zealand within the two (2) years immediately prior to, and during the collection of semen for this consignment and the diseases are notifiable in New Zealand:

African horse sickness  
contagious equine metritis  
dourine  
glanders  
equine encephalomyelitis (VEE, WEE, EEE) and  
vesicular stomatitis

1.3 No clinical, epidemiological or other evidence of equine viral arteritis has occurred in New Zealand within the previous twelve (12) month period immediately prior to and during the collection of semen for this consignment and the disease is notifiable.

#### 2. Inspection

2.1 The donor animal and all in-contact equines on the premises of origin were inspected on the day of each semen collection for export and were found to be free from clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease.

#### 3. Health Status

3.1. The donor animal was not used for natural service in the thirty (30) day period prior to semen collection for export.

- 3.2 After due enquiry, for the thirty (30) days prior to semen collection for export the donor animal(s) has been free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease
- 3.3 After due enquiry; regarding **equine herpesvirus type 1 (EHV-1)**;
  - 3.3.1 the donor animal(s) has had no contact with any horse known or suspected of being infected with equine herpesvirus type 1 (EHV-1) for at least the thirty (30) days prior to semen collection.

**4. Laboratory Testing**

- 4.1 All samples for testing collected in New Zealand were taken by an Official Veterinarian, or a veterinarian authorised by an Official Veterinarian.
- 4.2 All testing has been conducted in either a government approved laboratory in New Zealand, or in a laboratory in another country recognised by the New Zealand government.

**5. Semen Collection Centre**

- 5.1 The semen was collected, processed and stored on a premises inspected and approved by an Official Veterinarian.

**6. Semen Collection and Processing**

- 6.1 Reproductive material for export to Australia was identified in a legible and non-erasable manner, and was stored since the end of the collection period until export under the supervision of the Approved Veterinarian(s) in containers in which no biological material other than semen of equivalent health status as specified in this Veterinary Certificate was held.
- 6.2 Reproductive material was **NOT** removed from containers for further processing, or aggregation with other reproductive material.
- 6.3 Sex sorted semen is **NOT** included in this consignment.
- 6.4 All equipment used in the collection, processing and storage of the semen for export is new, or clean and sterilised.

**7. Storage and Transport**

- 7.1 The semen for export was identified and placed in a transport container(s) or shipper(s) which is:

7.1.1 [new]\*

**OR**

- 7.1.2 [prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose vials/bags removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the vials/bags, was disinfected;

Name and active ingredient of disinfectant:.....

Date of disinfection:.....]\*

*\* Delete as applicable*

7.2 The transport container(s)/shipper(s) used to transport the semen to Australia has been closed and sealed, using an MPI security seal.

Security seal number:.....

**8. Approved Centre Veterinarian**

8.1 The following centre veterinarian(s) is(are) approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to perform prescribed duties within the export certification requirements relating to this certificate, and for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of issue, for equine semen to Australia:

Dr ..... (print name)

Dr ..... (print name)

Dr ..... (print name)

Dr ..... (print name)

.....  
Signature of the Official Veterinarian Official Stamp and Date  
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

.....  
.....  
Name and Address

**Note: The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.**

## EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: EQUINE SEMEN (FRESH)

COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

NOTES: This certificate replaces the previous certificate dated 1 March 2013 and was updated to accommodate the changes in the Australia Biosecurity measures for importation of frozen equine semen obtained from The Department of Agriculture 19 February 2015. This certificate was approved by The Department of Agriculture on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

1. A copy of a valid Import Permit, obtained from The Department of Agriculture, must accompany the semen shipment to Australia.
2. Centre veterinarians may be approved by MPI to perform prescribed duties within the export certification requirements for equine semen to Australia, when these are performed under the supervision of an Official Veterinarian. The following guidelines provide an appropriate system to manage this process:
  - 2.1 The Official Veterinarian must provide the Official Assurance (Zoosanitary Certificate) that will accompany all export consignments, and will remain accountable for all statements made therein (with accountability ultimately resting with the Director General of the New Zealand MPI);
  - 2.2 **Approved veterinarian:** only a MPI-approved centre veterinarian can perform aspects of the export certification requirements, including:
    - 2.2.1 Supervision of the semen collections;
    - 2.2.2 Signing the original of the *Annex to the Official Assurance for Equine Semen (fresh) to Australia* for fresh/chilled semen, valid for fourteen (14) days from the date of issue of the Official Assurance.
3. For export consignments of fresh/chilled semen, the Official Assurance will remain valid for fourteen (14) days from the date of issue. The original Official Assurance should accompany the first consignment. Exporters can use the schedule to list the stallions eligible for export for the following two (2) weeks. Exporters have the option of using either just the schedule for the first export with that Official Assurance, or using both the schedule and annexes. The semen from stallions certified on the original Official Assurance/schedule is the only semen from stallions that can be exported for subsequent exports that use that Official Assurance/schedule during the following fourteen (14) day period.

A photocopy of the original Official Assurance/schedule and a completed original *Annex to the Official Assurance for Equine Semen (fresh) to Australia* form (using the template and printing out on plain paper) should accompany any further consignments of fresh/chilled semen exported within the fourteen (14) days from the issuing date of the Official Assurance. There should be one (1) annex per stallion. On the annex, handwriting may be used to complete the Identification of the Semen section, the MPI seal(s), the name of the veterinarian, signature, and the date. All other information can be prepared in advance and must be typewritten.

Where a single minor error occurs in the Annex, it may be corrected by the centre veterinarian. The incorrect information may be struck out with a single line so that the underlying information remains legible, and place the correct information as closely as practicable to the original entry. The correction must be signed and dated as closely as practicable to the correction.

If the health status of the premises of origin or the donor stallion changes during the fourteen (14) day period subsequent to issuing the original Official Assurance, the approved centre veterinarian and/or the Official Veterinarian, who provided the original Official Assurance, must immediately notify MPI that the Official



Assurance is now invalidated.

4. Copies of all laboratory results must be attached to the first original Official Assurance issued for the season. Laboratory results do not need to be attached to copies of the original Official Assurance in the fourteen (14) days after issue, or for subsequent original Official Assurances issued for the same season, provided the details remain the same.
5. For multiple donor stallions, 'see attached schedule' may be entered in the donor animal information table, with all the remaining blank rows voided. A template for a schedule involving multiple donor stallions is attached.

The schedule can be amended to remove or add sections as required. On the schedule the Identification of the Semen section can be removed if the schedule is only listing the stallions eligible for export for the fourteen (14) day period. Where the schedule is used to list the stallions and detail semen being sent, any stallions that do not have semen sent can have the Identification of the Semen removed.

The annex is part of the export certificate template, so this document cannot be altered like the schedule can.

On the schedule and annex, handwriting may be used to complete the Identification of the Semen section, the MPI seal(s), the name of the veterinarian, signature, and the date, the transport container or shipper details (a or b), and the name and date of disinfectants used. All other information can be prepared in advance and must be typewritten.

6. 'Equine' includes the domesticated species of the Equidae family.
7. A shipment may consist of a number of sealed containers. Each sealed container must be individually and clearly identified and be listed in the relevant veterinary certificate(s) accompanying the shipment. On each veterinary certificate(s), genetic material must also be listed against the identity of the sealed container in which it was shipped.

Where the certificate relates to more than one (1) transport container, provide an inventory list on the outside of each transport container, with the name of the stallion and number of vials. Copies of the bag/vial labels may be used to provide the inventory.

8. Clause 1.1 – Residency does not include pre-export or post arrival quarantine.
9. Sub-clause 1.1.2 - May be imported from an Approved or Non-Approved Country.
10. Sub-clause 1.1.3 – An **Approved Country** is a country that the Department of Agriculture, Australia, has approved as being eligible for the importation of horses into Australia. **Approved Countries** are:  
  
Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong-Kong, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Macau, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
11. Clause 7.1: The Department of Agriculture accepts the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine; 2% Virkon; or irradiation at 50kGy.
12. Clause 8 – strike out any surplus lines for centre veterinarians where less than four (4) centre veterinarians are approved for that centre.

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**Section 61A of the Animal Products Act states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market.'**



**Schedule of Donor Animal Details for the Official Assurance for Equine Semen (fresh) to Australia**

<b>I: DONOR ANIMAL</b>	
Name	
Breed	
Year of birth	
Colour	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Microchip No. / Brand / Tattoo	
Date of entry onto semen centre	
Origin of the semen <sup>(1)</sup>	
Residency – Clause 1	
Country and Date of import – sub clause 1.1.3	
<b>II: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SEMEN</b>	
Date(s) of semen collection	
No. of vials / bags	
Vial / bag identification <sup>(1)</sup>	
Transport container(s) identification <sup>(2)</sup>	

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Residency – Clause 1	
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<sup>(2)</sup> The transport container(s) must be clearly identified and sealed with a tamper-proof MPI security seal

## Annex to the Official Assurance for Equine Semen (fresh) to Australia

This is an Annex to the Official Assurance number: .....

which is valid to ..... (date).

This export of fresh / chilled equine semen pertains to The Department of Agriculture Import Permit number: .....

<b>I: DONOR ANIMAL</b>	
Name	
Breed	
Year of birth	
Colour	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Microchip No. / Brand / Tattoo	
Date of entry onto semen centre	
Residency – Clause 1	
Country and Date of import – sub clause 1.1.3	
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<sup>(2)</sup> The transport container(s) must be clearly identified and sealed with a tamper-proof MPI security seal

### ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and registration number of the semen centre where the semen was collected / processed /

stored:.....

.....

The donor animal and all in-contact equines on the premises of origin were inspected on the day of semen collection for this consignment and found to be free from clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease.

The semen for export was identified and placed in a transport container(s) or shipper(s) which is:

[a. new]\*

**OR**

[b. prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose vials/bags removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the vials/bags, was disinfected;

Name and active ingredient of disinfectant:.....

Date of disinfection:.....]\*

\* *Delete as applicable*

The transport container(s) used to transport the semen to Australia has been closed and sealed, using a MPI security seal that bears the marks: .....

Approved centre veterinarian (signature): ..... Date: .....

(dd/month/yyyy)

Approved centre veterinarian (name): Dr .....