

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

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

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BOVSEM.AU 22 June 2016– Bovine Semen 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 bovine semen to Australia, BOVSEM.AU dated 22 June 2016;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of the Overseas Market Access Requirements for bovine semen to Australia, BOVSEMEC.AU dated 1 March 2013;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for bovine semen to Australia.

This notice takes effect from the 22 June 2016.

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of June 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

Bovine semen 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 bovine semen does not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the bovine semen 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: BOVINE SEMEN

To: AUSTRALIA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit Number:

(Use a schedule for more than one donor)

I: DONOR ANIMAL	
Name	
Breed	
Stud book / Registration Number	
Ear tag / Tattoo / Brand / Microchip Number *	
Date of entry onto semen centre	
Most recent TB test (date, type of test, result)	
II: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SEMEN	
Date(s) of semen collection	
Straw identification ⁽¹⁾	
Number of straws	
Transport container(s) / shipper(s) identification	

* Delete if not applicable

⁽¹⁾ Genetic material must be listed against the identity of the sealed transport container(s) / shipper(s)

Total number of straws in this consignment:.....

III: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and approval number of semen centre where the semen was originally collected:	Name, address and approval number of semen centre where semen was processed/stored:
Name of approved centre veterinarian:	Telephone:
	Fax:

Name and address of exporter:

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IV: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of consignee:

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Means and identification of means of transport:

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V: SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

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

1 Country Freedom

- 1.1 No cases of disease caused by Schmallenberg virus have been detected or reported in New Zealand.

2 Centre veterinarian

- 2.1 The centre veterinarian who supervised the collection and processing of this semen is approved by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries.
- 2.2 The approved centre veterinarian:
- 2.2.1 ensured the isolation of the donors from all other ruminants not of equivalent health status prior to semen collection
 - 2.2.2 supervised the isolation period
 - 2.2.3 supervised the blood sampling of donors and ensured that the donors were tested in accordance with these requirements
 - 2.2.4 recorded the required details for each donor on this certificate or on an attached schedule
 - 2.2.5 verified the permanent identification of the semen straws.

3 Health status of donor bulls and the centre

- 3.1 Each donor showed no clinical signs of Johne's disease (paratuberculosis) during the collection period.
- 3.2 The semen in this consignment was collected in New Zealand at a semen centre, where diagnostic testing and surveillance of the resident cattle has shown them to be free from *Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *venerealis*, enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL) and *Trichomonas foetus* for at least six (6) months prior to collection for this consignment.
- 3.3 Before pre-collection isolation the donor bull(s) was part of a herd that was officially free from bovine tuberculosis, and gave a negative result to an intradermal tuberculin test during the sixty (60) days prior to entry to the semen centre.
- 3.4 The semen centre was officially free from bovine tuberculosis, with resident animals tested annually using an intradermal tuberculin test.

4 Semen collection, processing and storage

- 4.1 For sex sorted semen:
- Either** [4.1.1 Sex sorted semen is NOT included in this shipment;]
- Or** [4.1.2 Sex sorted semen is included in this shipment, and:

4.1.2.1 The equipment used for sex-sorting sperm was cleaned and disinfected between animals according the sex semen licensor's recommendations; and

4.1.2.2 Where seminal plasma, or components thereof, was added to sorted semen prior to cryopreservation and storage, it was derived from animals of the same or better health status.]

(Delete as appropriate)

4.2 The semen was identified in a legible and non-erasable manner, and sealed and code marked in accordance with the OIE Code, in line with the international standards of the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR).

4.3 The semen has been stored, using fresh liquid nitrogen, since the end of the collection period until export, under the supervision of the Official Veterinarian in a container(s) in which no biological material other than semen, embryos or ova of equivalent health status was held.

4.4 For this reproductive material:

Either [4.4.1 Reproductive material was NOT removed from containers for further processing or aggregation with other reproductive material;]

Or [4.4.2 Reproductive material was removed from containers for further processing or aggregation with other reproductive material at an approved centre or laboratory, the dates of transfer, reason for transfer (e.g. for sex sorting), seal number, name of the approved centre or laboratory and the approved veterinarian must be listed against the **containers**.]

(Delete as appropriate)

4.5 The shipping container was:

Either [4.5.1 new]

Or [4.5.2 prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected.

Disinfectant used:

Date of disinfection:

(DAWR accepts the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiation at 50kGy.)]

(Delete as appropriate)

Certificate No:

- 4.6 Prior to shipment, the semen transportation container was sealed by an Official Veterinarian with an official seal, bearing the number or mark:

.....
Signature Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official Stamp and Date

.....
Name and Address

NB: The Official Veterinarian must sign, date 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: BOVINE SEMEN

COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

NOTES: This export certificate replaces the previous one dated 1 March 2013, which was updated following a request from DAWR regarding Schmallenberg virus.

1. This export certificate is for frozen bovine semen only.
2. Each consignment of bovine semen must be accompanied by a valid permit to import, to be obtained, prior to the export of the semen, from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) office in Canberra, ACT, Australia.
3. Certification must comply with Chapter 5.2 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, including that any manual deletions to the Zoosanitary Certificate must be signed and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.
4. Where the term 'approved veterinarian' is used in this Zoosanitary Certificate, this is equivalent to the centre veterinarian.
5. In Clause I: Donor Animal - the date of the most recent TB test should be the TB test prior to entry to the centre, or for resident bulls that most recent TB test on the centre. For type of test enter caudal fold or cervical.
6. In Clause III: Origin of the semen, the name of the centre veterinarian relates to the approved semen centre where the semen was collected. Where there is more than one centre veterinarian approved for that premises, list each centre veterinarian. The Telephone and Fax relate to the contact details of the collection centre. Where the semen has been processed or stored in another centre, include the details for each centre for traceability.
7. Clause 3.3: the intradermal tuberculin test during the sixty (60) days prior to entry to the semen centre can be done on the farm of origin, or at the pre-entry isolation facility.
8. Clause 4.2: the ICAR international standards on straws are contained in Recording Guidelines – Appendices to the international agreement of recording practices. The text of this document is available on the following website : www.icar.org and includes:
 - 8.1.4.1 *Summary of the straw identification as a minimum requirement*
 - *semen collection or processing centre code;*
 - *breed (2a);*
 - *identification of the bull;*
 - *collection code (YYDDD).*DAWR have clarified that semen straw labels that use a batch code to identify the semen centre and collection date for each bull are deemed to meet ICAR requirements, while a single code used for the identification of more than one bull does not.
9. Clause 4.4.1: the containers referred to in this clause means the immediate container holding the semen, and relates to situations such as when vials of fresh semen may be sent for sex sorting or mixing with semen from other bulls.
10. Clause 4.4.2: where more than one (1) semen centre is listed in section III: Origin of the Semen, clause 4.1.2 applies and each container in the consignment must be accompanied by documentation containing the following information for each movement of semen between the semen centres. This requirement includes the movement of chilled semen prior to sex-sorting.

Date of transfer

Reason for transfer

Name of receiving approved centre / laboratory

Approved Veterinarian

Seal Number

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 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'.