

Export Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Standards Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

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EQUSEMEC.US 10 May 2013 – EQUINE SEMEN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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 export requirements for equine semen to the United States of America EQUSEMEC.US dated 10 May 2013;

(ii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for equine semen to the United States of America.

This notice takes effect from the 10th of May 2013.

Dated at Wellington this 6th day of May 2013.

Signed: Marnie Thomas BVMS, MACVS
Acting Manager, Import and Export Animals
Animal and Animal Products Directorate
Standards Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. United States of America requirements

Equine semen exported from New Zealand to the United States of America 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 does not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the equine 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

ZOO-SANITARY CERTIFICATE

Species: EQUINE SEMEN
To: UNITES STATES OF AMERICA

Import Permit No:.....

Exporting Country: New Zealand
Competent Authority: Ministry for Primary Industries

I: IDENTIFICATION OF SEMEN

Markings on straws/ampoules (if a code is used, decipher must be provided):

Total number of straws/ampoules:

Date of collection:.....

Additives:.....

II: IDENTIFICATION OF DONOR STALLION

Name:.....

Registration number:

Breed:..... Age:.....

Description:

III: SOURCE OF SEMEN

Name and address of exporter:

Name and address of semen collection centre:.....

IV: DESTINATION OF SEMEN

Name and address of consignee:

Means of transport:.....

**V: SANITARY INFORMATION
VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I,, an official veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify with respect to the semen and donor stallion identified in the attached Zoo-sanitary Certificate that:

1 COUNTRY FREEDOM

1.1 New Zealand is free from the following diseases, and no cases have been recorded within the 12 month period immediately prior to the collection of semen for export:

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| African horse sickness | contagious equine metritis |
| dourine | equine influenza |
| equine encephalomyelitis (VEE, EEE, WEE) | epizootic lymphangitis |
| equine piroplasmiasis | equine salmonellosis (<i>Salmonella abortus-equi</i>) |
| foot and mouth disease | horse pox |
| glanders | Newcastle disease |
| rabies | vesicular stomatitis |

2 DONOR STALLION

- 2.1 The donor stallion has not been present on any premises declared to be a Restricted Place (Biosecurity Act 1993, section 130) for equine infectious anaemia, nor had contact with horses from such premises.
- 2.2 A phantom teaser mare is preferred; however, if a live teaser mare was used she had never been used for natural or artificial breeding prior to entry onto the semen collection centre.
- 2.3 The donor stallion was not used for natural breeding for the 15 days immediately prior to semen collection until the completion of semen collection for export to the United States of America.

3 SEMEN COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND STORAGE

- 3.1 Prior to use all equipment used to collect, process and ship semen was either new or cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of an Official Veterinarian.
- 3.2 Any milk or eggs used as a semen extender originated from New Zealand.
- 3.3 The semen was collected and processed under the direct supervision of an Official Veterinarian, and placed in individual ampoules or straws (pellets are not acceptable) which were permanently marked with the name of the donor, his registration number, and the date of collection. This information has been recorded on the health certificate.
- 3.4 The semen was maintained under lock and key or in the custody of an Official Veterinarian until it was placed in the shipping container and sealed with an official seal of MPI. The official MPI seal bears the following unique mark or identification number:
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Certificate No:

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Signature Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

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Official stamp and date

Name and address:.....
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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)

SPECIES: HORSE SEMEN

COUNTRY: USA

NOTES: This export certificate was updated to MPI branding in May 2013. Note 6 was added to clarify the term 'Official veterinarian' as used in the certificate

1. The U. S. importer must obtain an import permit from the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services, Import-Export Animals Staff, Unit 39, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737. This permit must accompany the semen shipment from New Zealand to the United States.
2. This export certificate is based on US Department of Agriculture (USDA) import health conditions dated March 1995 and titled *Protocol for the importation of equine semen from countries free of contagious equine metritis (CEM)*. Changes made in the 23 August Export Certificate were editorial only.
3. The requirement for testing donor stallions for dourine and glanders has been deleted following publication in the Federal Register, Vol. 64, No. 114, on 15 June 1999, the USDA APHIS final rule 9 CFR Part 93 [Docket No. 98-069-2] Horses from Australia and New Zealand: Quarantine Requirements, which acknowledges horses from New Zealand present a negligible risk for dourine and glanders.
4. Veterinary Certificate clause 2.1 has been inserted following faxed correspondence with Dr M. H. Cook and telephone correspondence with Dr A.G. Grow, AHPIS, USDA. On 24 May 1999 a horse was imported into New Zealand which was subsequently found to be infected with equine infectious anaemia (Dr Barry O'Neil, Chief Veterinary Officer, NZ MAF, Animal Health Report to the OIE, 9 June 1999). Control included trace back of all animals in the consignment, destruction of the confirmed positive case, and declaration of four properties as Restricted Places (Biosecurity Act 1999, section 130). Horses for export must not have been present on a Restricted Place from the 24 May 1999 until revocation of the Restricted Place notice, nor had contact with horses from such premises.
5. The semen must be routed directly to the USA with no stops en route other than those provided for on the import permit.
6. Clauses 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 require an Official Veterinarian to undertake certain tasks. Within the New Zealand regulatory environment an approved centre veterinarian can perform these tasks.
7. The Veterinary Certificate is to be certified by a veterinarian employed by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

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'.