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Attachment A

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DRAFT QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BOVINE SEMEN FROM CANADA OF JAPANESE ORIGIN

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 In these conditions *bovine semen* refers to semen from domestic cattle (*Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus*), bison (*Bison bison*) and breeds derived from these species.
- 1.2 Each consignment of semen must be accompanied by a valid *Permit To Import Quarantine Material into Australia* obtained, prior to the export of the semen, from the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) office in the State of import.
- 1.3 Each consignment must be accompanied by an Animal Health Certificate signed by an *Official Veterinarian*. An *Official Veterinarian* is a civil service veterinarian or a specially appointed veterinarian as authorised by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

The Animal Health Certificate must contain the sanitary information specified in Section 2 of this document and be stamped on each page with an official stamp.

- 1.4 The requirements in Section 2 of this document are the minimum requirements for importation into Australia.
- 1.5 The consignment must be shipped to the Australian importer care of AQIS.
- 1.6 Conditions of importation may be varied or reviewed at any time at the discretion of AQIS.

2 CERTIFICATION

The Animal Health Certificate must attest that:

- 2.1 The semen met the Canadian requirements for the importation of bovine semen from Japan.
- 2.2 Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR).

An aliquot of not less than 0.5 ml of processed semen from each donor, pooled from at least two collections included in this consignment if there is

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more than one collection, was tested, with negative results, for bovine herpesvirus-1 (BHV-1) by cell culture inoculation after 2 or 3 passages or by the nucleic acid detection test (polymerase chain reaction technology [PCR]) at a CFIA approved laboratory.

- 2.3 The semen was stored separately or only with semen of equivalent health status or which qualified for export to Australia.
- 2.4 Under the supervision of an *Official Veterinarian* of Canada, the semen straws for shipment to Australia were identified and placed into new, unused liquid nitrogen in a new or properly disinfected container for export. The container was sealed and the number or mark on the seal recorded on the certificate prior to export.

3 IMPORTERS'/AGENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 It is the prerogative of the importer to arrange for any other health certification or testing of donors (eg for inherited diseases or genetic defects or for movement of animals or genetic material into certain zones in Australia).
- 3.2 The importer or agent must nominate a person who will be accessible to AQIS officers and who will accept that responsibility for ensuring that all import requirements are met.

4 POST ARRIVAL

- 4.1 The consignment will be held by AQIS until a Quarantine Officer has checked the certification and conducted an audit of the contents of the shipping container.
- 4.2 If a consignment arrives in Australia without the correct certification, with the seals on the transport containers broken or in any other way not having met these requirements, the consignment may be retained in quarantine, returned to the country of origin or destroyed without recompense.