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QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CERVINE SEMEN FROM POLAND

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 Before the semen can be exported, a valid *Permit to Import Quarantine Material* must be obtained from the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) office in the State of import and accompany each consignment of cervine semen. The exporter must ship the cervine semen to the Australian importer, care of AQIS in the State of import.
- 1.2 The Animal Health Certificate must:
- accompany each consignment of cervine semen (copies not acceptable);
 - conform to the format shown in Attachment 1 and, under ***V. Sanitary Information***, contain the certifications specified in Section 2 of these requirements;
 - record dates of sampling for tests, the isolation period and the semen collection period;
 - be signed by the *certifying veterinarians*, that is,
 - the *Team Veterinarian* who is a veterinarian approved by the veterinary administration of Poland to operate an animal semen production facility or to collect and process animal semen, and
 - the *Official Veterinarian* who is a civil service veterinarian or a specially appointed veterinarian as authorised by the veterinary administration of Poland;
 - be in English, and a language understood by the *certifying veterinarians*, and
 - be stamped on each page with an Official stamp.
- 1.3 Permission to import cervine semen or embryos must also be obtained from Environment Australia to meet the requirements of the *Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1982*. Further information may be obtained from:
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| The Director | Ph: 02 6274 2291 |
| Wildlife Protection | Fax 02 6274 1921 |
| Environment Australia | email wps@ea.gov.au |
| GPO Box 787 | website: http://www.biodiversity.environment.gov.au/plants/wildlife/intro.htm |
| Canberra ACT 2601 | |
- 1.4 Section 2 sets out the minimum requirements for importation into Australia. Various zones in Australia may differ in animal health status and State/Territory veterinary authorities may require testing or certification additional to these requirements before the semen may enter a particular zone or move from one zone to another within Australia.
- 1.5 Any requests for dispensation from these requirements must be submitted through the veterinary administration of Poland. Such applications must include the reasons and contain all information

necessary for the application to be evaluated. AQIS will only consider requests for dispensation received through the veterinary administration of Poland with their recommendation. Dispensations will be issued in exceptional circumstances by AQIS when it can be demonstrated that the quarantine security of the consignment has not been compromised.

- 1.6 Conditions of importation may be varied or reviewed at any time at the discretion of AQIS.
- 1.7 All references to the Office International des Épidémiologies International Health Code (OIE *Code*) refer to the 8th edition, 1999.

2. CERTIFICATION

The Animal Health Certificate must attest, under **V. Sanitary information**, that:

- 2.1 Each donor was kept:
- free from any quarantine restriction for 60 days prior to starting the 30-days pre-collection facility residency period;
 - for 3 months in a country or zone recognised by the OIE as a foot and mouth disease (FMD) free country where vaccination is not practised (Article 2.1.1.2.), and
 - in a country or zone which meets the OIE *Code* Article requirements for freedom from the following diseases:
 - rinderpest [free country] (Article 2.1.4.2.);
 - Rift Valley fever (Article 2.1.8.2.), and
 - vesicular stomatitis (Article 2.1.2.2.).
- 2.2 Bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease of deer (EHD), louping ill and chronic wasting disease of deer (CWD) have not been reported in Poland.
- 2.3 There was no report of Borna disease in horses or ruminants in the District (Wojwodship) of Poland where the deer were kept during the 12 months prior to semen collection.
- 2.4 Each donor was free from clinical signs of bovine tuberculosis and came from herds free from bovine tuberculosis in which:
- all animals over 8 months of age had reacted negatively to two official intradermal tuberculin tests, the first being six months after the first whole herd negative test, the second test three to six months later; and
 - all animals in the herds had tested negative to an annual intradermal tuberculin test.
- 2.5 Each donor came from herds free from bovine brucellosis:
either
in a District (Wojwodship) of Poland where all bovine herds were officially free from bovine brucellosis and where there was no report of bovine brucellosis for the previous five years,
or
in which there was no report of clinical brucellosis for at least six months and in which all animals in the herds were subjected to official complement fixation tests (CFT) for bovine brucellosis on two occasions, with an interval of three months to 12 months between each test.

- 2.6 The semen was collected, processed, preserved and stored at a collection facility:
- under the supervision of the *Team Veterinarian*.
 - which was approved by the veterinary administration of Poland prior to the pre-collection isolation of donors for use for export of cervine semen; and
 - which complied with the standards set by AQIS (Appendix 1- Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) requirements for cervine semen collection facilities in Poland).
- 2.7 All semen donors were of the same health status and were kept isolated from other non-cervine species for 30 days prior to, and during, the collection period on the facility used for the collection of semen for this consignment.
- 2.8 During the pre-collection isolation period each semen donor gave a negative result to the following approved tests:
- a mid-cervical intradermal tuberculin test;
(*Note: Tests for bovine tuberculosis must be carried out at least 90 days after any previous tuberculin test in a manner approved by the veterinary administration of Poland*)
 - a complement fixation test (CFT) for bovine brucellosis;
 - a complement fixation test (CFT) for Johne's disease (paratuberculosis), and
 - a serum neutralisation test (SNT) for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis.
- 2.9 The *Team Veterinarian*:
- supervised the placing of semen in this consignment in fresh liquid nitrogen in a new or properly disinfected container for export; and
 - ensured that the container contained only other semen or embryos collected for export to Australia.
- 2.10 The *Official Veterinarian*:
- verified the identification of the semen straws with the identification details of the donor(s); and
 - sealed the container and recorded the number or mark on the seal on the certificate prior to export.

3 IMPORTER'S/AGENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of the importer or importer's agent to arrange for the provision of any health certification or testing additional to that required by AQIS (eg for inherited diseases or genetic defects, or as required by State/Territory veterinary authorities).
- 3.2 The importer or agent must nominate a person who can be contacted by AQIS officers and who will be responsible for ensuring that all import requirements are met.
- 3.3 The Australian Government will charge the importer for services provided. The Australian Government will not compensate the importer or agent for any losses incurred while the semen intended for importation is under AQIS control.

4 POST ARRIVAL

- 4.1 AQIS will hold the consignment until a Quarantine Veterinary Officer (QVO) or a Quarantine Officer, under the direct supervision of a QVO, has audited the contents of the shipping container.
- 4.2 In the event of a transport container arriving in Australia without the correct certification, with the seals on the transport containers broken or in any other way not having met these requirements, AQIS may place the container and its entire contents in quarantine, return it to the country of origin or destroy it without recompense.

SARAH KAHN
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Appendix 1

AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION SERVICE (AQIS) REQUIREMENTS FOR CERVINE SEMEN COLLECTION FACILITIES IN POLAND.

The semen collection facilities must:

1. have at least
 - (a) lockable animal accommodation;
 - (b) isolation facilities having no direct communication with the other animal accommodation;
 - (c) facilities for the cleansing and disinfection, or sterilization, of equipment;
 - (d) a semen processing room separated from the collection facilities which need not necessarily be on the same site;
 - (e) a semen storage room which need not necessarily be on the same site;
2. be so constructed or isolated that contact with outside livestock is prevented;
3. be so constructed that the entire facility except the office rooms can be readily cleaned and disinfected.

The *Team Veterinarian* must ensure that:

1. the semen collection facility is properly supervised;
2. the semen collection facility is cleaned and disinfected at least 1 week prior to the pre-collection isolation period when being used for export purposes;
3. the facility contains only deer of equivalent health status;
4. records are kept which show:
 - the species, breed, date of birth and identification of each animal present in the facility,
 - any movement of animals entering or leaving the facility,
 - the health history, all diagnostic tests and all test results, treatments and vaccinations carried out on animals kept,
 - the date of collecting and processing semen,
 - the destination of semen,
 - the storage of semen;
5. the entry of unauthorized persons is prevented. Authorized visitors must comply with the conditions laid down by the *Team Veterinarian*;
6. the facility employs competent staff who have received adequate training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of disease;
7. the collection, processing and storage of semen is carried out only in facilities set aside for these purposes;
8. all utensils coming into contact with the semen or the donor animal during collection or processing are either properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use or new, disposable and discarded after use;

9. products of animal origin such as diluents, additives or extenders, used in the processing of the semen, present no animal health risk and has undergone prior treatment to preclude such risk;
10. only fresh liquid nitrogen, not used previously for other products of animal origin, is used;
11. any receptacle for the storage or transport of semen is either disinfected or sterilised as appropriate prior to use, or new, disposable and discarded after use;
12. each individual straw of semen is indelibly identified in such a way that the country of origin, date of collection, the species, the breed, the identity of the donor animal and the name and/or number of the approved facility which collected the semen may be established.

The Official Veterinarian must inspect the facility while it is being used for export purposes to confirm compliance with the above conditions.

ATTACHMENT 1

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Import Permit Number:	
Species and Category:	CERVINE SEMEN
Importing Country:	AUSTRALIA.
Exporting Country:	POLAND
Ministry of:	
Department:	
Province or District, etc.:	

I. Information concerning the donor animal

Breed:	Identification	Date of birth:	Place of birth:	Date of entry into isolation

II. Information concerning the semen

Identification	Date of collection:	Quantity and packaging of exported semen:

III. Origin of the semen

Name and address of exporter
(artificial insemination facility or
exporting owner):

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IV. Destination of the semen

Name and address of consignee:

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Nature and identification of
means of transport:

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V. Sanitary information

The undersigned Semen Collection *Team Veterinarian* and the undersigned *Official Veterinarian* certify in respect of the donor animals described in part I of this certificate, and in respect of the cervine semen described in part 2 of this certificate, that:

(Certification as detailed in Section 2 of this document)

Name and address of
Team Veterinarian

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Signature:.....Date:.....
(Team Veterinarian)

Signature:.....Date:.....
(Official Veterinarian)

Issued at..... on

Note: Official Stamp must be endorsed on all pages.