DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

**(DAERA)**

**EXPORT OF SEMEN OF BOVINE ANIMALS TO EU MEMBER STATES COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2005 IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 88/407/EEC AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 93/60/EEC, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED (MODEL ‘BOV-SEM-C-INTRA’)**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS (aPVP)**

**1. KEY DOCUMENTS**

The following key documents must be read and understood prior to completing and signing the Intra-trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) **POR-SEM-C-INTRA.**

* **Summary of Forms BOV-SEM-C-INTRA-SOF**
* **Notes for Guidance of aPVP** (This Document)
* **Council Directive 88/407/EEC** (as amended **93/60/EEC**)
* **Commission Regulation 2020/2235**
* **ITAHC BOV-SEM-C-INTRA template**
* **Owner’s Declaration**

**2. SCOPE**

Bovine Semen for the purposes of intra community trade may only be consigned from an approved Bovine Semen Collection/Storage Centre. Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) **BOV-SEM-C-INTRA** must be used for the export of bovine semen collected/processed/stored before 01 Jan 2005 to another EU member state after 20 APRIL 2021. A separate certificate must be used for each consignment of semen. The original certificate must accompany the consignment to the final place of destination.

**3. Completing Part I of ITAHC BOV-SEM-C-INTRA Description of the consignment**

 Chapter 2 of Regulation 2020/2235 provides guidance on completion Parts I of official health certificates for the movement of animals and products between member states.

A template of health certificate BOV-SEM-C-INTRA can be obtained from the DAERA Internet or your local DAERA office providing guidance on completion of Parts I. & II of the ITAHC

Complete all of the sections of Part I required as per the template document.

I.30: Record:

* **Species** – Bos Taurus
* **Subspecies/Category** - Bovine
* **Identification number** – identification number of donor animals
* **type** – semen
* **Identification mark** – Identification mark on straw or package
* **the collection or production date**
* **Quantity** – Number of straws
* **Approval number semen collection centre**.

**4. Completing Part II of ITAHC POR-SEM-B-INTRA – Animal Health Attestation**

Paragraph II.1 – Collection of the Semen

The semen must have been collected in a centre approved under conditions which comply with the standards laid down in Directive 80/407/EEC (as amended 93/60/EEC). You can check that the Semen Collection Centre is approved by ensuring it appears on the lists of approved premises/establishments via the following link.

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/livestock-and-equine-semen-semen-collection-sites>

If you wish you could keep a dated print out from this website for your records.

If you are the “Centre Veterinarian” responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will be able to certify paragraph II.1 from your own knowledge and having receipt of an Owner’s Declaration. If you are **not** the “Centre Veterinarian” responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will require a Veterinary Support Certificate from the “Centre Veterinarian” certifying that the semen meets the requirements of this paragraph as well as an Owner’s Declaration.

Paragraph II.1.2 – II.1.5

If you are the “Centre Veterinarian” responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will be able to certify these paragraphs from your own knowledge and having receipt of an Owner’s Declaration. If you are **not** the “Centre Veterinarian” responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will require a Veterinary Support Certificate from the “Centre Veterinarian” certifying that the semen meets the requirements of this paragraph as well as an Owner’s Declaration.

**5. Notification by aPVP on TRACES of Completion and Signature / Amendment of the ITAHC**

In order to meet the requirement for notification of germplasm to other Member States, aPVPs must confirm completion and issue of the health certificate on the TRACES system **immediately following signature of the ITAHC BOV-SEM-C-INTRA**.

**6. Cancellation or Changes to the Consignment Details Following Certification**

If the consignment is cancelled, its date/time of departure has changed significantly, a different vehicle is used, the aPVP must send a replacement TRACES message giving details of the changes.

**7. Retention of Support Documentation**

All support documentation should be retained for 2 years by the certifying aPVP. In addition a **TRUE** (i.e. carbon photo or scanned) copy of the completed export health certificate must be retained for 2 years.