



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1981

THE ARTIFICIAL REPRODUCTION OF ANIMALS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1975

LANDING OF CARCASSES AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS ORDER
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 1985 (AS AMENDED)

GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE

FRESH/FROZEN BOVINE SEMEN FROM GREAT BRITAIN

DAERA/GEN/18/03

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), in accordance with the terms of the above legislation, hereby authorises the import of fresh/frozen Bovine Semen into Northern Ireland:-

From: Great Britain

subject to the following conditions:

- 1 All consignments must be landed in accordance with the provisions of the Landing of Carcasses and Animal Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 (as amended), Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and with the following provisions of this licence.
2. Each consignment must be accompanied by an export health certificate signed by an Official Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the relevant authority in Great Britain identifying the address of the semen collection/storage centre of dispatch and the address of the destination premises. The address of the consignor and consignee must also be identified.
3. All semen must be consigned initially to an approved semen storage premises or semen shop which is approved and licensed under EC trade or NI domestic trade by DAERA (a list is available on request by writing to Veterinary Service Animal Health Group, Room 930, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast).
4. The person in charge of the consignment must advise DAERA Portal staff* 24 hours prior to the intended date of import the means of transport they intend to use. Immediately following disembarkation in Northern Ireland the person in charge of the consignment must report to a Portal Inspector and co-operate with DAERA staff as required. **The consignment may not leave the Port until a Portal Inspector has authorised such departure.**
5. During transport and upon arrival in Northern Ireland, the semen must not come into contact with semen not certified to the same health status.
6. The importer must ensure that all documents relating to consignments are retained for at least 12 months from the date of importation.

Additional conditions for semen collected after 1 January 2005:

7. The health certificate referred to in paragraph 2 above must certify that semen collected **after** 1 January 2005:
 - a. was collected, processed and stored under conditions which comply with the standards laid down in Directive 88/407/EEC;

- b. was sent to the place of loading in a sealed container under conditions which comply with Directive 88/407/EEC.
- c. was collected from bulls:
 - (i) which have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease within 12 months prior to collection;
 - or
 - (ii) which have been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease less than 12 months and more than 30 days prior to collection, in which case 5% (with a minimum of 5 straws) of each collection shall be submitted to a virus isolation test for foot-and-mouth disease in a designated laboratory, with negative results;
- d. was stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days prior to dispatch.

Additional conditions for semen collected before 1 January 2005:

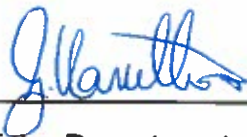
8. The health certificate referred to in paragraph 2 above must certify that semen collected **before** 1 January 2005:

- a. was collected in a collection centre approved under the conditions laid down in Annex A, Chapter I of Council Directive 88/407/EEC;
- b. was collected in a collection centre which was operated and supervised under the conditions laid down in Annex A, Chapter II of Council Directive 88/407/EEC;
- c. At the time of collection, all bovine animals at the semen collection centre:
 - (i) came from herds and/or were born to dams which satisfy the conditions of points 1(b) and (c) in Chapter I of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC;
 - (ii) have, within the 30 days preceding the quarantine isolation period, undergone, with negative results:
 - (1) the tests required by Annex B, Chapter II, 1.d.(i), (ii), (iii) of Directive 88/407/EEC, and
 - (2) a serum neutralization test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis, and
 - (3) a virus isolation test (fluorescent antibody test or immunoperoxidase test) for bovine viral diarrhoea, which in the case of an animal less than six months of age has been deferred until that age was reached.
 - (iii) have satisfied the quarantine isolation period of 30 days and have been subjected with the required negative results to the following health tests:
 - (1) a serological test for brucellosis carried out in accordance with the procedure described in Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC;
 - (2) either an immunofluorescent antibody test or a culture test for campylobacter foetus infection on a sample of preputial material or artificial vagina washings, or, in the case of a female animal, a vaginal mucus agglutination test;
 - (3) a microscopic examination and culture test for trichomonas foetus on a sample of preputial material or artificial vagina washings, or in the case of a female animal a vaginal mucus agglutination test.
 - (iv) have undergone, at least once a year, with negative results, the routine tests referred to in points 1 (a), (b) and (c) in Chapter II of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC
- d. At the time the semen was collected:
 - (i) all female bovine animals in the centre had undergone at least once a year a vaginal mucus agglutination test for campylobacter foetus infection with negative results; and
 - (ii) all bulls used for semen production had undergone with negative result either an immunofluorescent antibody test or a culture test for

campylobacter foetus infection on a sample of preputial material or artificial vagina washings carried out within 12 months prior to collection.

- e. The semen was collected from bulls standing in a semen collection centre in which:
- (i) all bovine animals had undergone at least once a year with negative result a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/ infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis;
 - or
 - (ii) bovine animals not vaccinated against infectious bovine rhinotracheitis had undergone at least once a year with negative result a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/ infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis, and testing for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis is not carried out on bulls which have received a first vaccination against infectious bovine rhinotracheitis at the insemination centre after they have been tested with negative result in a serum neutralisation test or an ELISA test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/ infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis and which since the first vaccination have been regularly re-vaccinated with an interval of not more than six months.
- f. The semen described was collected from bulls:
- (i) which either have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease within 12 months prior to collection
 - or
 - (ii) which have been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease less than 12 months and more than 30 days prior to collection, and 5% of doses of the semen from each collection, with a minimum of five straws, have been submitted to a virus isolation test for foot-and-mouth disease, carried out with negative results in a designated laboratory.
- g. The semen was stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days immediately following collection;
- h. The semen described above was sent to the place of loading in a sealed container.

Signed:



Date 13.09.18

Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

NOTES

1. *The contact details for Northern Ireland Portal staff are as follows:

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