DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAND RURAL AFFAIRS

**(DAERA)**

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO EU MEMBER STATES COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 AND DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/688 AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 DISPATCHED FORM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE IT WAS COLLECTEDTO EU MEMBER STATES.

(MODEL ‘POR-SEM-A- 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-A-INTRA.**

* **Summary of Forms POR\_SEM-A-INTRA-SOF**
* **Notes for Guidance of AVI** (This Document)
* **Commission Regulation 2016/429 and Delegated** **Regulation 2020/686** (as amended)
* **Commission Regulation 2020/2235**
* **Veterinary support document –POR-SEM-A-INTRA-VSSPT**
* **ITAHC POR-SEM-A template**
* **Operator’s Declaration**

**2. SCOPE**

Porcine Semen for the purposes of intra community trade may only be consigned from an approved Porcine Semen Collection Centre. Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) **(POR-SEM-A-INTRA)** must be used for the export of porcine semen collected, processed and stored after 21 April 2021 to another EU member state. 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 POR-SEM-A-INTRA – Description of the consignment**

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

A template of health certificate POR-SEM-A-INTRA can be obtained from DAERA website at [www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk) or from your local DAERA office providing guidance on completion of Parts I. & II of the ITAHC

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

I.30: Record:

* **Species** – Sus Scrofa
* **Subspecies/Category** -Porcine
* **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-A-INTRA - Certification**

The semen must have been collected, processed and stored under conditions which comply with the requirements laid down in Delegated Regulation 2020/686

**Section II.1 Collection centre**

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

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

You will need a completed Operator’s Declaration (OD) (obtained from local DAERA office) reference centre compliance with Regulation 2020/686.

**Section II.2.2 Donor animals** If you are the “Centre Veterinarian” (CV) responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will be able to certify these paragraphs from your own knowledge, sight of incoming movement documents/certificates and having receipt of an Operator’s Declaration (OD).

If you are **not** the CV responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will require a Veterinary Support Certificate from the CV certifying that the donor animals meets the requirements of these paragraph as well as an Owner’s Declaration.

**Sections II.2.5 – II.2.7.4**

A veterinary support from DAERA (**POR-SEM-A-INTRA-VSSPT)** is needed for certification of disease freedom for those referred to in theses sections. A request should be made for this to your local DVO via e.mail (e.g. *DAERA Dungannon-DVO,Post* - amend for relevant DVO) specifying

* the date donor animal(s) admitted to the collection centre.
* the date of first collection of the semen

**Sections II.2.8 – II.2.11**

If you are the CV responsible for the collection centre you will have access to the test schedules and results referred to and thus will be able to certify these paragraphs.

If you are **not** the CV responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will need a veterinary certificate reference these tests from the responsible CV.

**Sections II.3 – II**.**4 semen collection, processing, storage and transport**

If you are the CV responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will be able to certify these paragraphs based on your own knowledge and having receipt of an OD.

If you are **not** the CV responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will need a veterinary certificate collection and processing of the semen as well as an OD.

All approved semen collection centres in Northern Ireland should only contain boars which have **not** been vaccinated against Aujeszky’s Disease deleted. You should receive an Owner’s Declaration attesting to the vaccinal status of the boars in the centre.

**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**.

**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.