DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

**(DAERA)**

**EXPORT OF CONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF PORCINE ANIMALS TO EU MEMBER STATES COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 90/429/EEC BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED**

TO EU MEMBER STATES

(MODEL ‘POR-SEM-B- 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-B-INTRA.**

* **Summary of Forms POR-SEM-B-INTRA-SOF**
* **Notes for Guidance of aPVP** (This Document)
* **Council Directive 90/429/EEC** (as amended) - [Link to 90/429/EEC](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1990L0429:20120601:EN:PDF)
* **Commission Regulation 2020/2235**
* **ITAHC POR-SEM-B-INTRA template**
* **Owner’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-B-INTRA** must be used for the export of porcine semen collected/processed/stored before 21 April 2021 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 POR-SEM-B-INTRA Description of the conignment**

 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 POR-SEM-B-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** – 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-B-INTRA - Certification**

Paragraph II.1 - Collection, Processing and Storage of the Semen

The semen must have been collected, processed and stored under conditions which comply with the standards laid down in Directive 90/429/EEC (as amended). 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.2 – Aujeszky’s Disease Status of Boars

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

The boars on the collection centre must have been tested for Aujeszky’s Disease with negative results using an ELISA detecting antibodies to the whole Aujeszky’s disease virus or to its glycoprotein B (ADV-gB) or glycoprotein D (ADV-gD) or a serum neutralisation test. The frequency of testing required is set out in **Chapter II of Annex B of 90/429 EEC.** This may be certified based on your own knowledge if you are the “Centre Veterinarian” or on a Veterinary Support Certificate from the “Centre Veterinarian” if you are not.

Paragraph II.3) – Semen Transport Containers

If you are the Centre Veterinarian this may be certified based on an Owner’s Declaration attesting to compliance with this point as outlined in Annex C of 90/429 EEC, and your own knowledge. If you are not the Centre Veterinarian this may be certified based on an Owner’s Declaration and a Veterinary Support Certificate from the “Centre Veterinarian”.

**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 POR-SEM-B-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.