###### SEMEN DISTRIBUTION LICENCE

**CONDITIONS**

**1.** Semen may only be distributed from storage centres licensed by the Department in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department.

**2.** Only processed semen, in accordance with the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 (as amended), which originates in Northern Ireland, and has been collected in a collection centre approved by the Department or which has been imported into Northern Ireland in accordance with the Departments import requirements, may be distributed (including containers of liquid nitrogen), subject to the following conditions:

1. the distribution of processed semen shall at all times be under the direction and control of the supervising veterinarian named in Schedule 1 to the licence;
2. processed semen for distribution is carried only within a compartment of the nominated vehicle or in a container in the compartment of the nominated vehicle approved by the Department. Details of the nominated vehicle and any container will be specified in Schedule 2 to the Licence.
3. during the distribution of processed semen the compartment/container within the compartment of the nominated vehicle must not be used for any purpose other than carriage of the processed semen;
4. the interior of any vehicle or compartment within any vehicle, used in the distribution of processed semen shall be capable of being cleansed and disinfected using an approved disinfectant and maintained in a clean and hygienic manner at all times;
5. containers used to transport semen shall be capable of being cleansed and disinfected using an approved disinfectant, except for single-use containers.
6. each container of semen shall be sealed and bear an individual identification mark;
7. any employee of the Licensee engaged in the distribution of semen (and liquid nitrogen) shall -
	* 1. wear suitable protective clothing and carry out effective personal disinfection using an approved disinfectant, before leaving any premises to which semen has been delivered; and
		2. shall not have come into contact with any ruminant or swine on any premises during the 12 hours preceding such distribution.

##### NOTE: Each individual dose of semen must be clearly marked in such a way that the date of collection of the semen, the breed and identification of the donor animal can be readily established.

**3.** The Licensee shall ensure that, except with the written consent of the Department -

1. no semen shall be distributed from any premises, operated by him and licensed by the Department, where such premises are an infected place or within an infected area;
2. no semen shall be admitted to any premises, operated by him and licensed by the Department, from an infected place or infected area; and
3. no semen shall be distributed from any premises, operated by him and licensed by the Department, where any such premises are outside an infected area to any premises (whether or not operated by him and licensed by the Department) which are an infected place or are within an infected area.

**4.** The Licensee shall adhere to all rules and procedures laid down by the Department to prevent the spread of animal disease.

**5.** Where the Licensee holds a licence granted by the Department for the operation

of a quarantine storage depot he shall be entitled to distribute processed semen from that depot only to: -

1. a storage centre operated as a main store and licensed by the Department;
2. a place outside Northern Ireland.

**NOTE:**

Semen distributed to an EC approved storage center (main store), must be transported in accordance with the Directive and must not come into contact with any material of animal origin (including germplasm) of a lower health status.

**6.** Where the Licensee holds a licence granted by the Department for the operation of a storage centre as an EC main store he shall be entitled to distribute processed semen from that main store only to -

1. another storage centre operated as a main store and licensed by the Department;
2. a storage centre operated as a supply centre store and licensed by the Department;
3. a semen shop licensed by the Department; and
4. a place outside Northern Ireland.

**NOTE:**

Semen for export to a Member State must meet the conditions set out in Article 3 (a) - (c) of Directive 88/407/EEC and be accompanied by an animal health certificate complying with Article 6 (1) of the Directive

**7.** Where the Licensee holds a licence granted by the Department for the operation of a storage centre as a domestic main store he shall be entitled to distribute processed semen from that main store only to -

1. another storage centre operated as a domestic main store and licensed by the Department;
2. a storage centre operated as a supply centre store and licensed by the Department; and
3. a semen shop licensed by the Department.

**8.** Where the Licensee holds a licence granted by the Department for the operation of a storage centre as a supply centre store he shall be entitled to distribute semen from that supply centre store only to-

1. another storage centre operated as a supply centre store and licensed by the Department;
2. a semen shop licensed by the Department; and
3. the holder of a farm storage licence on presentation by the licence holder, of the said licence to the operator of the store.

**9**. Semen distributed in accordance with 6. (b), (c) and (d) and 7. (b), (c) and 8 (b) and (c) above shall not be re-admitted to the store.

**NOTES:**

The licence is not transferable.

The Department may at any time, by notice on the Licensee, modify, suspend or revoke the licence including any condition subject to which it is granted.

**OFFENCES**

If the holder of the Licence fails to comply with any condition subject to which it has been granted or contravenes any provision of the Regulations or knowingly or recklessly makes a statement false in a material particular for the purposes of obtaining the Licence, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine currently not exceeding £5000.

**INTERPRETATION**

In the Licence: -

“The Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;

“The Regulations” means the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 as amended by the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997and The **Artificial** **Insemination** of Cattle (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005;

 “approved disinfectant” means a disinfectant approved by the Department under the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 as amended by the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 and approved for use against Foot and Mouth Disease;

“approved veterinarian” means a veterinary surgeon employed by the licensee and approved by the Department for the purpose of this Licence;

“infected place” means a place declared by the Department to be infected with a notifiable epizootic disease to which bovines, sheep or pigs are susceptible;

“infected area,” means an area around infected premises, declared by the Department to be an infected area as a result of the outbreak of a notifiable epizootic disease to which bovines; sheep or pigs are susceptible:

“processed semen,” means semen which has undergone processing by means of -

(a) dilution;

(b) the addition of any substance which is calculated to prolong its natural life;

(c) the addition of any antibiotic or antimicrobial substance for the purpose of promoting and safeguarding animal health;

(d) packaging it into straws;

(e) freezing; and

(f) storing it after freezing in a quarantine storage depot for 30 days, or such other period as the Department may direct in writing

or by means of one or more of the processes listed at (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this definition;

“The Directive” means Council Directive 88/407/EEC laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra- Community trade in and import of deep frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species as amended by Council Directives 90/120/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 93/60/EEC and 2003/43/EC;

Other words and expressions have the same meaning as in “the Regulations”.