STORAGE CENTRE LICENCE (MAIN STORE) (Non-EC)

**CONDITIONS**

**1.** Only processed semen which bears identification marks, in accordance with the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988, and which originates in Northern Ireland and has been collected in a collection centre approved by the Department or imported in accordance with the Department’s import requirements shall be stored in the specified premises provided that such semen is admitted to and distributed from the said premises under and in accordance with the conditions of a distribution licence.

**2.** The specified premises, the workforce and all procedures shall be operated at all times under the direction and control of the approved centre veterinarian named in Schedule 2.

**4.** The Licensee shall ensure that -

1. no animal is admitted onto the specified premises;
2. animal products, other than processed semen, are not admitted to the specified premises, except with the consent of the Department in writing;
3. so far as is reasonably practicable, only the approved centre veterinarian and such other personnel as are required in the operation of the storage centre (main store) shall be admitted to the premises; where any other person has to be admitted the Licensee shall maintain, in respect of each person, a record comprising the person’s name and address, the date of the visit, the time of entry to and exit from the premises and the purpose of the visit;
4. no person engaged in the handling of semen in the specified premises, or likely to come into contact with any article, clothing, machinery or receptacle used in connection with the handling or storage of semen in the specified premises, or likely to enter any area in the said premises where semen is handled or stored, have not come into contact with any ruminant or swine during the preceding 12 hours;
5. storage of semen takes place only on the premises set aside for the purpose and under the strictest conditions of hygiene;
6. storage and transport flasks are properly disinfected or sterilised before commencement of each filling, except for single-use containers;
7. all instruments which come into contact with the semen are properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use, except for single-use instruments;
8. only previously unused liquid nitrogen shall be used for topping up containers of semen;
9. all persons entering the storage centre (main store) shall carry out cleansing and disinfection using an approved disinfection as necessary to protect the health status of the semen; and
10. no food or beverages are consumed in the storage centre (main store) except in the area of the premises designated for that purpose.

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

 (a) no semen is distributed from the storage centre (main store) where these are an infected place or are within an infected area;

 (b) no semen is admitted to the storage centre (main store) from an infected place or infected area; and

 (c) no semen is distributed from the storage centre (main store) where these are outside an infected area to any premises, which are inside such an area.

**6.** The Licensee shall provide toilet and washing facilities as necessary.

**7.** The Licensee shall maintain the storage centre (main store) and equipment therein in good condition and repair.

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

**9.** The approved veterinarian (named in Schedule 2) shall verify the export of any processed semen consigned directly from the specified premises to a place outside Northern Ireland.

NOTE:

Domestic storage centers (main stores) are not approved to export semen to other member states.

**10.** The Licensee shall, in respect of all processed semen stored in the specified premises, maintain the following:

 (a) records of –

1. the name, breed, ear tag number or other identification of the bull, and including the status of the bull;
2. the identification number or mark of each individual dose of semen.;
3. the date of receipt of each batch of semen, including the identification mark for each individual dose of semen and the address of the processing premises of origin and, if applicable, the place of consignment;
4. the date of distribution of semen, the individual dose identification mark and the place to which the semen is distributed;
5. the date of transfer and quantity of semen transferred between semen storage vessels in the storage centre (main store) and the identification marks of each individual dose of semen involved;
6. the date, place and individual dose identification mark of any destruction (including accidental loss or wastage) of any semen, and by whom it was destroyed; and
7. relevant documentation including import and export health certificate and import licences.

##### 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 and the approval number of the centre can be readily established.

**11.** The Licensee shall retain the records/documents referred to in paragraph 10 for a period of 2 years from the date in which the last semen of each batch is distributed.

**12.** The Licensee shall produce all records/documents referred to in paragraph 10 for inspection at any reasonable time by a person authorised in writing by the Department.

**13.** The Licensee shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Department during inspections of the storage centre (main store) and provide such information as it may reasonably request in relation to the storage of semen therein.

 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**

**Any person who fails to comply with any condition subject to which a licence has been granted or contravenes any provisions of the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 (as amended) or knowingly or recklessly makes a statement false in a material particular for the purposes of obtaining a Licence shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine currently not exceeding £5,000.**

**INTERPRETATION**

In the licence -

“The Department” means the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs;

“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;

 “animal” means cattle, sheep, goats and all other ruminating animals and swine;

 “approved veterinarian” means a veterinary surgeon employed by the holder of the storage centre (main store) licence and approved by the Department.

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

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

“processing,” means the processing of semen 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;

 (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 the definition.

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

STORAGE CENTRE LICENCE (MAIN STORE) (EC)

**CONDITIONS**

**1.** Only processed semen which bears identification marks, in accordance with the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988, and which originates in Northern Ireland and has been collected in a collection centre approved by the Department or imported in accordance with the Department’s import requirements shall be stored in the specified premises provided that such semen is admitted to and distributed from the said premises under and in accordance with the conditions of a distribution licence.

**2.** Only semen collected at collection centres approved in accordance with the Directive and without coming into contact with any other semen, may be stored in the storage centre.

**3.** The specified premises, the workforce and all procedures shall be operated at all times under the direction and control of the approved centre veterinarian named in Schedule 2.

**4.** The Licensee shall ensure that –

1. no animal is admitted onto the specified premises;
2. animal products, other than processed semen, are not admitted to the specified premises, except with the consent of the Department in writing;
3. so far as is reasonably practicable, only the approved centre veterinarian and such other personnel as are required in the operation of the storage centre (main store) shall be admitted to the premises; where any other person has to be admitted the Licensee shall maintain, in respect of each person, a record comprising the person’s name and address, the date of the visit, the time of entry to and exit from the premises and the purpose of the visit;
4. no person engaged in the handling of semen in the specified premises, or likely to come into contact with any article, clothing, machinery or receptacle used in connection with the handling or storage of semen in the specified premises, or likely to enter any area in the said premises where semen is handled or stored, have not come into contact with any ruminant or swine during the preceding 12 hours;
5. storage of semen takes place only on the premises set aside for the purpose and under the strictest conditions of hygiene;
6. storage and transport flasks are properly disinfected or sterilised before commencement of each filling, except for single-use containers;
7. all instruments which come into contact with the semen are properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use, except for single-use instruments;
8. only previously unused liquid nitrogen shall be used for topping up containers of semen;
9. all persons entering the storage centre (main store) shall carry out cleansing and disinfection using an approved disinfection as necessary to protect the health status of the semen; and
10. no food or beverages are consumed in the storage centre (main store) except in the area of the premises designated for that purpose.

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

**9.** The approved veterinarian (named in Schedule 2) shall verify the export of any processed semen consigned directly from the specified premises to 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 the Directive.

**10.** The Licensee shall, in respect of all processed semen stored in the specified premises, maintain the following:

 (a) records of –

1. the name, breed, ear tag number or other identification of the bull, and including the status of the bull;
2. the identification number or mark of each individual dose of semen.;
3. the date of receipt of each batch of semen, including the identification mark for each individual dose of semen and the address of the processing premises of origin and, if applicable, the place of consignment;
4. the date of distribution of semen, the individual dose identification mark and the place to which the semen is distributed;
5. the date of transfer and quantity of semen transferred between semen storage vessels in the storage centre (main store) and the identification marks of each individual dose of semen involved;
6. the date, place and individual dose identification mark of any destruction (including accidental loss or wastage) of any semen, and by whom it was destroyed; and
7. relevant documentation including import and export health certificate and import licences.

##### 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 and the approval number of the centre can be readily established.

**11.** The Licensee shall retain the records/documents referred to in paragraph 10 for a period of 2 years from the date in which the last semen of each batch is distributed.

**12.** The Licensee shall produce all records/documents referred to in paragraph 10 for inspection at any reasonable time by a person by the Department.

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“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;

 “animal” means cattle, sheep, goats and all other ruminating animals and swine;

 “approved veterinarian” means a veterinary surgeon employed by the holder of the storage centre (main store) licence and approved by the Department;

“import licence” means a licence granted by the Department under Article 6(1) of the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 or Article 4 of the Landing of Carcases and Animal Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1985[[9](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/cgi-bin/htm_hl.pl?DB=opsi&STEMMER=en&WORDS=artifici+reproduct+&COLOUR=Red&STYLE=s&URL=http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2005/#note9)] or the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004[[10](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/cgi-bin/htm_hl.pl?DB=opsi&STEMMER=en&WORDS=artifici+reproduct+&COLOUR=Red&STYLE=s&URL=http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2005/#note10)] or the Animal and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005[[11](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/cgi-bin/htm_hl.pl?DB=opsi&STEMMER=en&WORDS=artifici+reproduct+&COLOUR=Red&STYLE=s&URL=http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2005/#note11)] and is processed by means of all the processes listed at (a) to (e) in the definition of "processing.";

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

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

“processing,” means the processing of semen by means of-

 (a) dilution;

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

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 (d) packaging it into straws;

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 (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 the definition;

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