



**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
FOR EXPORT OF OVINE AND CAPRINE SEMEN TO GREAT BRITAIN**

**Exporting country :** CANADA  
**Code of territory:** CA - 1 (Whole country except Okanagan Valley region of British Columbia, as per reference to Part 1, Annex 1 to Commission Decision 79/542/EEC, as amended)  
**Competent issuing authority:** CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY  
 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

**SECTION I : ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF SHIPMENT**

**Name of consignor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration number of approved collection centre which collected the semen:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of collection centre:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Premises where the semen was collected:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Consignee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Premises where the semen is destined in Great Britain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Identification of the shipment:** refer to Section III - Donor Identification, on page 5 for details.

**Total number of straws in consignment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Markings/Number of official tamperproof seal on shipping container:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II : SANITARY INFORMATION**

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian, duly authorized by the Government of Canada, do hereby certify that:

**A - Country Disease Freedom**

1. No clinical or other evidence of foot and mouth disease has occurred in Canada in the 24 month period immediately prior to the first collection and until the date of despatch of the semen to Great Britain, nor has vaccination against this disease been practised during the previous 12 months.
2. No clinical or other evidence of rinderpest, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, peste des petits ruminants, sheep pox, goat pox, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia or Rift Valley Fever has occurred in Canada in the 12 month period immediately prior to the first collection and until the date of despatch of the semen to Great Britain, nor has vaccination against these diseases been practised during this period.
3. No clinical or other evidence of vesicular stomatitis has occurred in Canada in the 6 month period immediately prior to the first collection and until the date of despatch of the semen to Great Britain, nor has vaccination against this disease been practised during this period.

**B - Residency and Isolation of Donor Sheep/Goats**

4. The donor sheep/goats have either been conceived, born and reared in Canada and had lived continuously since birth in Canada or if any donor was imported into Canada, was imported not less than 6 months preceding the first collection of semen for export to Great Britain from a country approved for export of live sheep/goats to the European Community for breeding and have been continuously resident in Canada since import.
5. The donors have been resident on the premises where collection takes place for at least 30 days prior to collection and during this period and for the period during which collections take place for export, been isolated from animals not of the same health status and not been used for natural mating during that period.

**C - Origin of the Donors - Premises Disease Freedom**

6. The donors have been resident only on holdings meeting the health requirements described below for the periods specifically mentioned and collection takes place on premises which meet these same health standards.
7. According to the certifying veterinarian's knowledge and to a written declaration made by the owner, no clinical, serological or pathological evidence has been recorded which leads to the conclusion that any of the following diseases have occurred on the holdings above within the stated periods prior to the collection of the semen and for 28 days after the last collection and up to until the time of despatch:
- 7.1 within 36 months, pulmonary adenomatosis, caprine arthritis-encephalitis or maedi-visna;
- 7.2 within 12 months, Johne's disease, Akabane or Aino viruses, brucellosis (including *B. Abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. ovis*), contagious epididymitis (*B. ovis*), maedi-visna, tuberculosis, rabies or caseous lymphadenitis;
- 7.3 within 6 months, contagious agalactia (including infection with *Mycoplasma agalactiae*, *M. capricolum* subsp *capricolum* and *M. mycoides* subsp *mycoides* LC);
- 7.4 within 30 days, any disease of livestock notifiable to the Canadian authorities.
8. The donors described in this certificate have:
- either <sup>(1)</sup> 8.1 remained since birth on the holdings referred to above in article 6, in and around which, in an area with a 150 km radius, there has been no case/outbreak of bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease during the previous 100 days, or
- or <sup>(1)</sup> 8.2 been resident on holdings located within 150 km of the Canada-USA border and were tested serologically twice at least 28 days apart, with negative results, for bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease, the second test within 7 days of the final collection for export to Great Britain:
- Bluetongue - ELISA : dates of tests: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Epizootic Haemorrhagic disease - AGID: dates of tests: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
9. In the case of goats only: (delete this part in the case of sheep)
- either <sup>(1)</sup> 9.1.1 the animals used to provide the semen for export have not come from holding(s), and have not been in contact with animals of a holding, in which Maedi-Visna or Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) has been clinically detected in the last 12 months, and
- 9.1.2 from 30 days prior to the collection and until the last collection of semen for export, the donors were maintained as a group in isolation and did not come into contact with other sheep or goats;
- or <sup>(1)</sup> 9.2.1 not later than 12 months prior to collection of the semen, all goats over the age of 12 months on the premises were subjected, on two occasions not less than 6 months apart, to an enzyme linked immunosorbant assay (ELISA) test for CAE with negative results.
- Dates of test: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
10. Neither the donors nor the premises of origin were subject to movement restrictions or other animal health measures to control or eradicate an infectious or contagious disease.

**D - Collection of Semen for Export**

11. All semen for export was collected, processed, packaged and frozen on an approved collection centre.
12. The collection centre is approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for export of semen to Great-Britain.
13. An approved veterinarian designated by the CFIA was responsible for the supervision of the collection, processing, packaging, freezing and transfer to quarantine of semen for export. The designated approved veterinarian was familiar with the following:
- 13.1 Chapter III of Annex D to Council Directive 92/65/EEC as amended, which specifically details requirements applicable to semen subject to trade into EC Member States;
- 13.2 Council Directive 79/542/EEC drawing a list of third countries or parts of third countries and laying down animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for importation into the Community of certain live animals and their fresh meat;
- 13.3 Council Directive 91/68/EEC on health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals.
14. Each consignment of semen collected for export to Great Britain was collected within a single period not exceeding 90 days. A separate certificate must be provided for semen collected within a different period of 90 days.
15. Prior to the collection period of the semen for export there have been no movements of animals onto the premises

within the previous 30 days.

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16. All equipment used for collection and packaging of semen for export was either new, sterile and discarded after single use or has been cleansed, disinfected and sterilized before each occasion of use.
17. The semen for export to Great Britain has been frozen in equipment which has been cleansed and disinfected each day prior to use for semen for export to Great Britain.

#### E- Premises Used for Collection - Disease Freedom

18. Any premises used as a centre for the collection of semen from donor sheep/goats for export meets the same requirements for freedom from diseases specified for the premises of origin in part **C - Origin of the Donors - Premises Disease Freedom**.
19. During the period of collection of semen for export to Great Britain, there have been no signs of notifiable infectious or contagious disease in any animals at the premises.

#### F - Clinical Examination of Donor animals - Testing of Donor Male

20. Only sheep and goats which meet the following requirements were used for the collection of semen:
- 20.1 They are identified in a manner which enables to trace back the holding of origin of the animal.
- 20.2 During the 30 day pre-collection isolation period prior to the first collection of semen for export to Great Britain, all male animals were subjected to a complement fixation test using *Brucella ovis* antigens and were negative according to the Canadian domestic standards and during the same period, no male animals entered the centre or joined the group of donors unless similarly tested with negative results.

Date of test : \_\_\_\_\_

- 20.3 The donor animals have been examined on each day of collection of semen for export and showed no signs of disease.

#### G - Processing and Storage of Semen

21. The processing of semen was in accordance with Annex D, Chapter III of Council Directive 92/65/EEC as amended.
22. After processing and prior to despatch, the semen to be exported to Great Britain was stored for at least 30 days in containers which have been emptied and thoroughly cleansed and disinfected since any previous use and contain only fresh liquid nitrogen not previously used for animal products. The semen not eligible for export to Great Britain was not stored in the same cryogenic container as the semen which is eligible for export to Great Britain. The premises where the containers are located have been approved by the CFIA and were under the control of an approved veterinarian designated by the CFIA.

#### H - Post Collection Testing of Donor Animals

23. After at least 14 days has elapsed from the date of the last collection of semen for export, the donors were subjected to the following tests with negative results:
- 23.1 a complement fixation (CF) test for mycoplasmosis using *Mycoplasma agalactiae*, *M. capricolum* subsp *capricolum* and *M. mycoides* subsp *mycoides* LC type antigens; a negative result is less than 50% fixation at a dilution of 1:20;

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

- 23.2 an immunoperoxidase test for Border disease virus (ruminant pestivirus);

Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I - Post Collection Certification

24. During the 30 days following the last collection of semen there have been no signs of infectious or contagious disease in any animals at the premises where the semen was collected for export to Great Britain.

#### J - Shipment of semen

25. The container in which the semen is being exported to Great Britain was sealed in the presence of a CFIA official veterinarian immediately prior to export with an individually marked official tamperproof seal in such a way that the container cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The seal number/markings is mentioned in Section I.

(1) Delete unused option

#### Notes:

1. **An application for an import licence must be submitted and obtained from DEFRA before issuance of this certificate. Contact points for application of an import licence are as follows:**

**For port of entry in England -** Import Policy Branch  
International Animal Health Division  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)  
1A Page St, London SW1P 4PQ

