

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation and Assurance Branch, Animal and Animal Products Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

Ref: AE-AU-13

Date: 16 November 2015

EQISEMFRO.AU 1 December 2015– EQUINE SEMEN (FROZEN) TO AUSTRALIA

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 60 of the export requirements for equine semen (frozen) to Australia EQISEMFRO.AU dated 1 December 2015;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of the export requirements for equine semen (frozen) to Australia HORSEMEC1.AU dated 1 March 2013;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for equine semen (frozen) to Australia.

This notice takes effect from the 1st December 2015.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of November 2015.

Signed: Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal and Animal Products Directorate
Regulation and Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. Australia requirements

Equine semen (frozen) exported from New Zealand to Australia must be accompanied by an official assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory note:

If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the horses do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the horses do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: EQUINE SEMEN (FROZEN)

To: AUSTRALIA

Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND

Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Import Permit No:

I: DONOR ANIMAL	
Name	
Breed	
Year of birth	
Colour	
Stud book / Registration No.	
Microchip No. / Brand / Tattoo	
Date of entry onto semen centre	
II: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SEMEN	
Date(s) of semen collection	
No. of straws	
Straw identification ⁽¹⁾	
Transport container(s)/shipper(s) identification ⁽²⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Markings must be indelible and listed against the transport container(s)/shipper(s)

⁽²⁾ The transport container(s)/shipper(s) must be clearly identified and sealed with a tamper-proof MPI security seal

Total number of straws in this consignment:

III: ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and registration number of the semen centre where the semen was collected/processed/
stored:.....
.....

Name and address of the exporter:
.....

IV: DESTINATION OF THE SEMEN

Name and address of the consignee:
.....

Means and identification of transport:

V: ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE**

I,, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the donor animal and semen described in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. Residency and Country Health Status

1.1 Immediately prior to the first collection of semen for this consignment, the donor animal(s) was:

1.1.1 [continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or since import from Australia]*

OR

1.1.2 [continuously resident in New Zealand for at least sixty (60) days since import]*

OR

1.1.3 [continuously resident in New Zealand for less than sixty (60) days since import on..... from.....(Approved Country), and an owner/agent declaration stating that the horse(s) has been continuously resident in an Approved Country(s) during the sixty (60) days immediately prior to import into New Zealand has been sighted]*

** Delete as applicable*

1.2 No clinical, epidemiological or other evidence of the following diseases has occurred in New Zealand within the two (2) years immediately prior to, and during the collection of semen for this consignment and the diseases are notifiable in New Zealand:

African horse sickness
contagious equine metritis
dourine
glanders
equine encephalomyelitis (VEE, WEE, EEE) and
vesicular stomatitis

1.3 No clinical, epidemiological or other evidence of equine viral arteritis has occurred in New Zealand within the previous twelve (12) month period immediately prior to and during the collection of semen for this consignment and the disease is notifiable.

2. Inspection

2.1 The donor animal and all in-contact equines on the premises of origin were inspected on the day of each semen collection for this consignment and were found to be free from clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease.

3 Health Status

3.1. The donor animal was not used for natural service in the thirty (30) day period prior to semen collection for this consignment.

- 3.2 After due enquiry, for the thirty (30) days prior to semen collection for export the donor animal(s) has been free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
- 3.3 After due enquiry; regarding **equine herpesvirus type 1 (EHV-1)**;
- 3.3.1 the donor animal(s) has had no contact with any horse known or suspected of being infected with equine herpesvirus type 1 (EHV-1) for at least the thirty (30) days prior to semen collection.
- 3.4 After due enquiry; regarding **equine viral arteritis**;
- 3.4.1 [semen was collected from the donor animal(s) after 1 January 2014 and the donor animal(s) has been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or since import from Australia]*
- OR**
- 3.4.2 [semen was collected from the donor animal(s) after 1 January 2014 and the donor animal(s) has been continuously resident in New Zealand since import]*
- OR**
- 3.4.3 [At least 14 days after the last collection for this consignment, the donor animal has been tested for EVA by SNT with negative results at a serum dilution of 1:4]*
- OR**
- 3.4.4 [In the case of a donor animal(s) that is seropositive for EVA, the donor animal(s) has been subjected to a virus isolation test for EVA on two semen samples (sperm rich fraction) from separate collections, with negative results, during the 12 month period prior to the collection of semen for export and since seroconversion]*
- OR**
- 3.4.5 [on the basis of appropriate laboratory and vaccination evidence, the donor animal(s) has been tested for EVA by SNT with negative results and vaccinated immediately after taking the sample that gave the negative result, against EVA with an approved vaccine and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and re-vaccinated annually]*
- OR**
- 3.4.6 [two mares have been inseminated with untreated semen freshly collected from the donor animal and have been found negative to the SNT for EVA by testing of serum samples collected from each mare at the time of insemination and twenty-eight (28) days after insemination. The stallion has not been used for natural mating since collection of the semen for the test inseminations. The test results must be available before the semen is exported]*

* *Delete as applicable*

4. Laboratory testing

- 4.1 All samples for testing collected in New Zealand were taken by an Official Veterinarian, or a veterinarian authorised by an Official Veterinarian.

4.2 All testing has been conducted in either a government approved laboratory in New Zealand, or in a laboratory in another country recognised by the New Zealand government.

4.3 Copies of all laboratory results must be attached and endorsed by the Official Veterinarian

5. Semen Collection Centre

5.1 The semen was collected, processed and stored on a premises inspected and approved by an Official Veterinarian.

6. Semen Collection and Processing

6.1 [In the case of sex sorted semen;

a equipment used for sex-sorting sperm was cleaned and disinfected between animals according to the sex semen licensor’s recommendations;

AND

b where seminal plasma, or components thereof, was added to sorted semen prior to cryopreservation and storage, it was derived from animals of same or better health status.]*

** Delete if not applicable*

6.2. Reproductive material for export to Australia was identified in a legible and non-erasable manner, and was stored since the end of the collection period until export under the supervision of the Approved Veterinarian(s) in containers in which no biological material other than semen of equivalent health status as specified in this Veterinary Certificate was held.

6.3 Reproductive material;

6.3.1 [was NOT removed from containers for further processing or aggregation with other reproductive material]*

OR

6.3.2 [was removed from containers for futher processing or aggregation with other reproductive material at an approved centre or laboratory;

Date of transfer:.....

Reason for transfer:.....

Name of approved laboratory:.....

Approved veterinarian/s:.....

Container serial number/s:.....]*

** Delete if not applicable*

6.4 All equipment used in the collection, processing and storage of the semen for export is new, or clean and sterilised.

7. Storage and Transport

7.1 The semen for export was identified and placed in a transport container(s) or shipper(s) which is:

7.1.1 [new]*

OR

7.1.2 [prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected;

Name and active ingredient of disinfectant:.....

Date of disinfection:.....]*

** Delete as applicable*

7.2 Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the tank

7.3 The transport container(s)/shipper(s) used to transport the semen to Australia has been closed and sealed, using an MPI security seal;

Security seal number.....

.....
Signature of the Official Veterinarian
New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

.....
Official Stamp and Date

.....
.....
Name and Address

Note: The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

COMMODITY: EQUINE SEMEN (FROZEN)

COUNTRY: AUSTRALIA

NOTES: This certificate replaces the previous certificate dated 1 March 2013 and was updated to accommodate the changes in the Australia Biosecurity measures for importation of frozen equine semen obtained from The Department of Agriculture 19 February 2015. This certificate was approved by The Department of Agriculture on the 10th November 2015.

1. A copy of a valid Import Permit, obtained from The Department of Agriculture, must accompany the semen shipment to Australia.
2. 'Equine' includes the domesticated species of the Equidae family.
3. For multiple donor stallions, 'see attached schedule' may be entered in the donor animal information table, with all the remaining blank rows voided. A template for a schedule involving multiple donor stallions is attached.
4. Where an attached schedule is used, the schedule must contain the unique certificate shoulder number. Where supporting documents are required, the supporting document must also have a shoulder number applied.
5. Where semen in a consignment has a different status (different option in clause 1.1, and 3.4 used) this can be included in the schedule by identifying the clause option that applies to each horse for each type of residency, testing, processing, or storage. Where the schedule identifies the relevant clause for each semen donor no clauses for 1.1 and 3.4 in the body of the export certificate need to be deleted.
6. A shipment may consist of a number of sealed tanks/containers. Each sealed tank/container must be individually and clearly identified and be listed in the relevant veterinary certificate(s) accompanying the shipment. On each veterinary certificate(s), genetic material must also be listed against the identity of the sealed tank/container in which it was shipped.
7. Where the certificate relates to more than one transport container, provide an inventory list on the outside of each transport container, with the name of the stallion and number of straws.
8. Clause 1.1 – Residency does not include pre-export or post arrival quarantine
9. Subclause 1.1.2 - May be imported from an **Approved** or **Non-Approved** Country.
10. Subclause 1.1.3 – An **Approved Country** is a country that the Department of Agriculture, Australia, has approved as being eligible for the importation of horses into Australia. **Approved Countries** are:

Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong-Kong, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Macau, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States
11. Clause 3.4.6 – Full ejaculate must be used but may be equally divided between the two mares

12. Clause 7.1: The Department of Agriculture accepts the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine; 2% Virkon; or irradiation at 50kGy.

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market.'

Schedule of Donor Animal Details for the Official Assurance for Equine Semen (Frozen) to Australia

I: DONOR ANIMAL			
Name			
Breed			
Year of birth			
Colour			
Stud book / Registration No.			
Microchip No. / Brand / Tattoo			
Date of entry onto semen centre			
Origin of the semen ⁽¹⁾			
Residency – clause 1			
Country and Date of import – clause 1.1.3			
Equine viral arteritis– clause 3.4			
II: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SEMEN			
Date(s) of semen collection			
No. of straws			
Straw identification ⁽²⁾			
Transport container(s)/shipper(s) identification ⁽³⁾			

⁽¹⁾ Must state the full name, address and registration number of the semen centre where the semen was collected/processed/ stored

⁽²⁾ Markings must be indelible and listed against the transport container(s)/shipper(s)

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