



# Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (Guidance)

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## 1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany *Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (OMAR)*, dated 29 August 2022. This updated guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.

## 2 Specific guidance for the Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMAR)

- (1) With regard to clause 1.3 (3) d) of the OMAR, the premises where the semen is collected, processed and stored should be either:
  - a) A MPI listed export approved premises, or
  - b) in the case of the premises being a private veterinary practice, it will need to be registered as a MPI registered exporter.

## 3 Additional information

Further information taken from the requirements for the importation of canine and feline semen to Great Britain suggests:

- (1) The sealed ampoules or straws containing the semen must be securely packed in a container, on arrival at the destination address, any wrapping must be incinerated, and all non-disposal items must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.
- (2) Consignments may only be imported into Great Britain through an approved Border Inspection Post, and must undergo a veterinary check in accordance with *The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011*, *The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011* and *The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (as Amended)*.
- (3) Consignments must be pre notified to the relevant Border Inspection Post before arrival in Great Britain by completion of Part 1 of the common Veterinary Entry Document or by electronic means as agreed with the Border Inspection Post competent authority.
- (4) *The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA)* prohibits the breeding from certain breeds of dogs that are banned under the Act. Refer to the DDA before planning an import of canine semen into Great Britain. Further information is available at GOV.UK.
- (5) For further information contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Imports team:
  - Centre for International Trade – Carlisle, Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX
  - Email: [imports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:imports@apha.gov.uk)

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