



Bovine Embryos to Great Britain (Guidance)

GBEMB05

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1 Document History

Version Date	Section Changed	Change(s) Description
24 January 2025	All sections	New Guidance Document for <i>Bovine Embryos to Great Britain (OMAR)</i> , dated 24 January 2025.

2 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany the corresponding *Animal Products Notice: Bovine Embryos to Great Britain (OMAR)*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that *OMAR*.

3 Certificate naming convention

- (1) The convention used to name the zoosanitary certificate templates are as follows:
The zoosanitary certificate for in-vitro produced bovine embryos is named **GBEMBIVP05**
The zoosanitary certificate for bovine in-vivo derived embryos is named **GBEMBIVD05**

4 Specific guidance for the zoosanitary certificate

- (1) The information below provides an explanation for how specific certification requirements can be verified, with references to the sections and the clauses in the *OMAR*:

In Vivo:

AH/T133A Territory requirements (freedom from disease) – No requirement specified in the *OMAR*. Certification is based on New Zealand’s disease status;

AH/E353A Establishment requirement (Collection centre) – Refer to clause 1.3 (1) b);

AH/E370 Establishment requirement – Refer to clause 1.4, 1.9, 1.0 and 1.11;

AH/E371A Establishment requirement – No requirements are specified in the *OMAR* for foot-and-mouth disease, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and lumpy skin disease. Specific certification for these diseases is based on New Zealand’s disease status. Refer to clause 1.11 (30 day storage for frozen embryos etc);

AH/E372A Establishment requirement- Refer to clause 1.11.

In vitro:

AH/T133B Territory requirements (freedom from disease) – No requirement specified in the OMAR. Certification is based on New Zealand's disease status;

AH/E353C Establishment requirement (Collection centre) - Refer to clause 1.11.2 (1) a) b)

AH/E371B Establishment requirement- No requirements are specified in the OMAR for foot-and-mouth disease, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and lumpy skin disease. Specific certification for these diseases is based on New Zealand's disease status. Refer to clause 1.11 (30 day storage for frozen embryos etc);

AH/E372B Establishment requirement- Refer to clause 1.11.

5 Guidance for the completion of the zoosanitary certificates

- (1) Certain boxes have been voided to assist with standard movements.
 - a) Some movements may require the box to be completed depending on the specific type of movement.
 - b) Boxes which have been voided on the template may be completed after removing the diagonal line through that box.
- (2) Where the certificate states that certain statements shall be kept as appropriate, statements which are not relevant may be crossed out by applying strikethrough to the text between corresponding pairs of square brackets ([]).
- (3) Certain statements on the published export certificate templates have had strikethrough already applied to assist with most standard exports of bovine embryos from New Zealand to Great Britain. However, there will be instances whereby the remaining statements may not be appropriate for the movement. The strikethrough applied to statements on the template may be removed when certifying such movements. Ensure the appropriate strike out is replaced to the remaining statement(s) in the associated clause.
- (4) When the certificate, including additional sheets or documents, comprises more than one page, each page should be numbered (page number of total number of pages) in the bottom right margin and should bear the certificate reference number (shoulder number) at the top.
- (5) The certificate shall be completed in block letters and in English.
- (6) Further guidance for the completion of the commercial movement certificate template, and the functionality of background formatting for the template, can be found in Section 10.

5.1 Section 1.4 Operational control

- (1) With regard to clause 1.4 (2) - An overview map, plus individual site plans, may fulfil this requirement.

6 Section 1.5 Embryo team listing

- (1) Only germplasm collected after the date of approval by MPI is eligible for export to Great Britain.
- (2) Before applying for a listing, it is expected that the team will carry out an internal audit as part of the process of determining that it complies with the requirements stated in the OAP and the relevant Great Britain Germplasm Export Requirements.
- (3) Great Britain does not permit more than one registration number for the same centre/team on each list.
- (4) Great Britain legislation specifies which lists are to be ratified by them. MPI will list premises or send applications to Great Britain, as appropriate, once the recommendations have been accepted as complying with the requirements.

7 Section 1.8 Shipping containers for the export of germplasm

- (1) With regard to clause 1.8 (3) – The MPI security seal can be applied at a Verification Services operating location if the shipping container is transported there under the direct supervision of the centre (i.e. seal applied, and shipper transported by centre staff).

8 Section 1.9 Official supervision

- (1) With regard to clause 1.9 (1) - Any Great Britain verification frequencies or procedures specified in the OMAR take precedence over any other programme.

9 Section 1.10 Facility requirements

- (1) With regard to clause 1.10 (3) - Facilities located off-site should be operated with the same intensity of control as the Great Britain listed collection centre.
- (2) Waste areas and buildings used for storage (feed, tractor, etc.) should be kept tidy and have appropriate vermin control.

10 Instructions for filling out the zoosanitary certificates

- (1) The zoosanitary certificate template document has been formatted to allow for long names and addresses to be presented in a professional manner which does not compromise the formatting of the rest of the document.
- (2) Ensure that dates are recorded as dd/mm/yyyy.
- (3) The information below, relevant to the completion of section 1 of the zoosanitary certificate, has been copied from the model certificate.

For in vivo derived embryos:

Box reference I.6: Person responsible for the load in Great Britain: this box is to be filled in only if it is a certificate for transit commodity.

Box reference I.11: Place of origin must correspond to the embryo collection team from which the embryos are dispatched to Great Britain, and which is listed in accordance with Article 8(2) of Directive 89/556/EEC.

Box reference I.22: Number of packages must correspond to the number of containers.

Box reference I.23: Identification of container and seal number must be indicated.

Box reference I.26: Fill in according to whether it is a transit or an import certificate.

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Box reference I.28: Species: select amongst 'Bos taurus', 'Bison bison' or 'Bubalus bubalis' as appropriate.

Category: select 'in vivo derived or in vitro produced embryos as appropriated for the certificate.

Donor identity must correspond to the official Identification of the animal.

Date of collection must be indicated in the following format: dd/mm/yyyy

Approval number of the team: must correspond to the embryo collection team by which the embryos were collected, processed and stored; and listed in accordance with Article 8(2) of Directive 89/556/EEC.

For in vitro produced embryos:

Box reference I.6: Person responsible for the load in Great Britain: this box is to be filled in only if it is a certificate for transit commodity.

Box reference I.11: Place of origin must correspond to the embryo collection team from which the embryos are dispatched to Great Britain, and which is listed in accordance with Article 8(2) of Directive 89/556/EEC.

Box reference I.22: Number of packages must correspond to the number of containers.

Box reference I.23: Identification of container and seal number must be indicated.

Box reference I.26: Fill in according to whether it is a transit or an import certificate.

Box reference I.27: Fill in according to whether it is a transit or an import certificate.

Box reference I.28: Species: select amongst 'Bos taurus', 'Bison bison' or 'Bubalus bubalis' as appropriate.

Dam identity shall correspond to the official identification of the animal.

Sire identity shall correspond to the official identification of the animal.

Date of collection must be indicated in the following format: dd/mm/yyyy

10.1.1 Clauses that do not apply

- (1) The sample certificates published in the OMAR are presented in full for reference. However, for ease and succinctness, the word version templates uploaded on the website along with the OMAR have been edited to remove the clauses and sections that do not apply to New Zealand following the superscript numbering guidelines in the Notes section of the model certificate.
- (2) For consistency, the clauses that do not apply to a specific consignment should be deleted rather than struck-through when the certificate is being issued by Verification Services.
- (3) Exporters and recognised persons should not delete clauses.
- (4) Clauses which do not apply to the specific consignment should have strikeout applied and be highlighted in yellow to indicate to verification services that these clauses must be deleted prior to issue of the certificate.
- (5) Clauses which do apply to the specific consignment, but which have not been verified by the recognised person should have strikeout applied and be highlighted in red to indicate that Verification Services is required to verify the clauses and remove the strikeout prior to issuing the certificate.

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