

# HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF EQUINE SEMEN INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

PART I. DETAILS OF DISPATCHED CONSIGMENT					
<b>I.1 Consignor</b>			<b>I.2 Certificate Reference Number</b>		
Name			<b>I.2a TRACES Reference Number</b>		
Address					
<b>COUNTRY</b>					
<b>I.3 Central Competent Authority</b>			<b>I.4 Local Competent Authority</b>		
<b>I.5 Consignee</b>			<b>I.6 Number(s) of Related Original Certificates</b>		
Name			<b>I.7 Number(s) of Accompanying Documents</b>		
Address					
Country					
<b>I.8 Country of Origin</b>	<b>ISO Code</b>	<b>I.9 Region of Origin</b>	<b>I.10 Country of Destination</b>	<b>ISO Code</b>	<b>I.11 Region of Destination</b>
			USA		
<b>I.12 Place of Origin</b>			<b>I.13 Place of Destination</b>		
<b>I.14 Place of Loading</b>			<b>I.15 Date and Time of Departure</b>		
<b>I.16 Means of Transport</b>			<b>I.17 Entry Point</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway Wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			<b>I.18 CITES</b>		
Identification Number(s)					
<b>I.19 Temperature of Products</b>		<b>I.20 Number/Quantity</b>		<b>I.21 Total Number of Packages</b>	
<b>I.22 Seal/Container Number</b>					
<b>I.23 Commodities Certified For:</b> Artificial Reproduction					
<b>I.24 Transit Through 3<sup>rd</sup> Country</b>			<b>I.25 For Export</b>		

I.26 Identification of the Commodities					
Species	Breed	Donor Identity	Date(s) of Collection	Approval Number of the Center	Quantity

PART II. CERTIFICATION (Section A) Section A (to be signed in Section IV by the Semen Collection Center Veterinarian)	II.a Certificate Reference Number	II.b TRACES Reference Number

**II.1** The semen described in this certificate\*:

**II.1.1** was collected in a European Union (EU) Member State that is recognized by the USDA to be free of African horse sickness, in accordance with the list of USDA-recognized animal health status of countries/regions on the internet at [USDA APHIS | Animal Health Status of Regions](#) and was free of this disease at the time of semen collection;

**II.1.2** was collected and processed in a semen collection center, hereinafter "SCC", that was approved by the competent authority of the EU Member State in which the semen was collected and processed in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686, as last amended.

Name of SCC	Address of SCC	SCC Approval
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No. Veterinarian	Veterinarian
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**II.1.3** was collected and processed using equipment that was new or that has been cleaned and sanitized prior to use under the supervision of the Center Veterinarian;

**II.1.4** was collected after the first set of specimens described under point III; and

**(I) either** was maintained solely under the control of the Center Veterinarian for the above SCC;

**(I) or** was initially maintained under the control of the Center Veterinarian for the above SCC, and subsequently under the control of the Center Veterinarian for a different SCC within the same EU Member State or a Member State of equivalent animal health status, hereinafter "SCC2", currently approved by the veterinary competent authority of the Member State in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686, as last amended\*.

Name of SCC	Address of SCC	SCC Approval
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No. Veterinarian	Veterinarian
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\* An export Health Certificate is required for each SCC when semen is collected in multiple SCCs.

**II.1.5** was processed with semen extender containing:

**(I) either** [milk originated from a region recognized by the USDA at the time of semen collection as free of foot-and-mouth disease as listed at [USDA APHIS | Animal Health Status of Regions](#)];

**(I) or** [milk originated from a region not recognized by the USDA at the time of semen collection as free of foot-and-mouth disease that has been treated according to APHIS approved foot-and-mouth disease virus inactivation treatments as specified; 148 °C for 3 seconds OR, 140 °C for 5 seconds OR, 72 °C for 15 seconds applied twice OR; 72 °C for 15 seconds followed by a pH of less than 6 for at least 1 hour;]

<b>(I) and/or</b>	[egg originated from a region recognized at the time of semen collection by the USDA as free of Newcastle disease and not affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza as listed at <a href="#">USDA APHIS   Animal Health Status of Regions.</a> ]
<b>(I) and/or</b>	[egg originated from a region not recognized by the USDA as free of Newcastle Disease and not affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza as listed at <a href="#">USDA APHIS   Animal Health Status of Regions</a> and are sourced from specific pathogen free (SPF) flocks. When egg yolk is used, it is separated from eggs using aseptic techniques. Alternatively, commercial egg yolk prepared for human consumption or egg yolk treated by, for example, pasteurization or irradiation to reduce bacterial contamination to reduce bacterial contamination, may be used.]
<b>II.1.6</b>	was placed in individual ampoules or straws which are permanently marked with the identification of the donor, the date of collection and the name or approval number of the SCC as recorded in Section C;
<b>II.1.7</b>	was maintained after processing secured in the custody of the Center Veterinarian in a segregated storage area in the SCC until it was placed in a shipping container that is new or that has been cleaned and disinfected and, for frozen semen, was charged only with virgin liquid nitrogen; The shipping container remained under direct control of the SCC or under direct oversight of the Center Veterinarian until and during transport and arrival to another SCC, where oversight is transferred to the next SCC and/or Center Veterinarian, or export out of the country;
<b>II.1.8</b>	has not been stored or transported with semen produced under less than equivalent animal health conditions. Additional semen of equivalent animal health status (from one or more Member States) may be added to the shipping container if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The container's seal is broken and semen added under direct oversight of an approved veterinarian.</li> <li>2. Documentation (including other health certificates) included with this health certificate indicate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Date seal was broken/additional semen was added;</li> <li>b) Approval number of each SCC from where the semen originates;</li> <li>c) Name and signature of each approved SCC Center Veterinarian;</li> <li>d) Number/Identification of seal(s) broken;</li> <li>e) Identification of the semen donor;</li> <li>f) Number/Identification of all seals placed (when applicable),</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>(I) or</b>	U.S.-origin semen can be returned only if it has been kept separate and apart from other semen not on the original U.S. health certificate and been maintained in an approved SCC secured in the custody of the veterinarian issuing the health certificate until it is placed in the shipping container and sealed with Government-issued seals;
<b>II.2</b>	the veterinarian approved by the country's competent authority seals the shipping container prior to export to the United States with an official seal of the exporting country. The official seal number is recorded on the health certificate;
<b>III</b>	The donor stallion(s);
<b>III.1.1</b>	has/have been free from any quarantine or movement restrictions for not less than 60 days prior to semen collection;
<b>III.1.2</b>	was/were not used for natural breeding within 15 days prior to diagnostic testing as described in points III.1.5. and III.1.6. while the donor stallion(s) is/are in the SCC, and during semen collection for export to the United States;
<b>III.1.3</b>	has/have been isolated under the supervision of the Center Veterinarian from equidae not certified and tested to the same standards described in points III.1.5. and III.1.6. or under any restrictions which would make them ineligible as semen donors for export to the United States;
<b>III.1.4</b>	was/were inspected on the day of semen collection and was/were found free of evidence of contagious and infectious diseases;
<b>III.1.5</b>	was/were tested for dourine in a laboratory approved by the competent veterinary authority of the EU Member State with negative results using a complement fixation test at a dilution of 1:5 on samples taken within 30 days after entry into isolation and at 180-day intervals if the donor(s) remain(s) isolated under the supervision of the Center Veterinarian;
<b>III.1.6</b>	prior to semen collection and prior to the release of the donor stallion(s) and semen from isolation, was/were cultured negative for contagious equine metritis (CEM) in laboratories approved by the competent authority. Samples for culture were collected under the supervision of the Center Veterinarian, utilizing the following procedure:
<b>III.1.6.1</b>	for 5 consecutive days, the prepuce, penis, fossa glandis and urethral sinus of the donor stallion(s) must be aseptically cleaned and washed (scrubbed) while in full erection, with a solution of not less than 2.0% chlorhexidine. The entire penile area must be then thoroughly coated (packed) with an antibiotic ointment containing nitrofurazone, silver sulfadiazine or other agent recognized by the competent authority of the EU Member State as effective against the CEM agent;
<b>III.1.6.2</b>	beginning at least 7 days after the last consecutive day of scrubbing and packing, 3 separate sets of 4 specimens each must be collected at intervals of not less than 72 hours between collection of each set. The collections must be made

from the surface of the fossa glandis, the area of the urethral process and into the urethral fossa, the distal urethra, and the penile sheath, respectively;			
<b>III.1.6.3</b> specimens were received within 48 hours of collection by the laboratory approved by the competent authority.			
<b>Date of Sampling</b>	<b>Laboratory Testing Method</b>		
Semen collection may begin after the first set of specimens is cultured negative. <b>Note:</b> a minimum of 7 days incubation time is required before samples can be considered negative.	<b>Test</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Name and Address of the Approved Laboratory</b>
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<b>IV</b> The Teaser			
<b>(1) either</b> [was not used.]			
<b>(1) or</b> [was a phantom teaser mare.]			
<b>(1) or</b> [was a live teaser mare provided that: <b>either</b> [the mare has never been used for natural or artificial breeding prior to entrance into the SCC.] <b>or</b> [the mare has not been bred for the last 60 days and was tested negative for dourine and CEM. For CEM, one specimen each must be taken with separate swabs from the clitoral sinuses and clitoral fossa. If any teaser mare tests positive for CEM, the mare must be treated for CEM in a manner approved by the competent authority of the EU Member State. The mare must be retested for CEM with negative results at least 21 days after treatment is completed.]			
<b>Date and Place</b>	<b>Name and Qualification of the Center Veterinarian</b>		

<b>PART II. CERTIFICATION (Section B)</b> Section B (to be signed at the end of the certificate by the Official Veterinarian)	<b>II.a Certificate Reference Number</b>	<b>II.b TRACES Reference Number</b>
<b>V.1</b>	The SCC was approved by the competent authority of the Member State where the semen was collected;	
<b>V.2</b>	The Center Veterinarian that completed Section A of this certificate is authorized by the competent authority for animal health of the Member State where the semen was collected to perform this service.	
<b>V.3</b>	The donor animal(s) for the semen to be exported to the United States have been part of the national herd of the Member State where the semen was collected and are free from any movement or quarantine restrictions, according to point III.1.1 above;	
<b>V.4</b>	Health tests required for export to the United States of equine semen were performed by testing methods recognized by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, as acceptable for international trade;	

<i>V.5</i>	The laboratory tests mentioned in points III.1.5. and III.1.6 were carried out with negative results in a laboratory approved by the competent authority for animal health of the Member State where the semen was collected;
<i>V.6</i>	The EU Member State(s) is/are free of African horse sickness.
<i>V.7</i>	The semen to be exported to the United States was secured in the custody of the SCC Center Veterinarian, and segregated from other semen of lesser health status, until it was placed in the shipping container and sealed with official seals of the exporting Member State;
<i>V.8</i>	None of the semen for export to the United States has been stored or transported in containers with semen produced under less than equivalent animal health conditions;
<i>V.9</i>	The entire shipment for export (including semen collected in more than one approved SCC, if applicable) has been maintained under continuous oversight of the Official Veterinarian until the conveyance is scheduled to depart for the United States.
<i>V.10</i>	The shipping containers were sealed with an official seal of the exporting Member State, and the seal number is recorded on the health certificate;
<i>V.11</i>	The semen is routed directly to the United States from the Member State in which it was collected, or, if semen originates from more than one collection center, from the Member State in which the shipment was prepared for export. No stops en route other than those provided on the USDA import permit are allowed.

**NOTES (Section C)**

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Place of Destination (optional)</b>	
	<b>Donor Identity (shall correspond to the Official Identification of the Animal)</b>	
	<b>Date of Collection (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	
	<b>Name and Approval Number of the Center</b>	
	<b>Quantity</b>	
<b>Part II</b>	<b>Delete as appropriate. The signature and the stamp must be in different color to that of the printing</b>	

<b>Official Veterinarian or Official Inspector</b>	
<b>Name (Print):</b>	
<b>Qualification and Title:</b>	<b>LVU Number:</b>
<b>Local Veterinary Unit:</b>	<b>Date (dd/mm/yyyy):</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Stamp:</b>