

Questionnaire for the approval of equine semen collection centres			
Number	Reference	Question	Y = Yes N = No
1. General criteria			
1.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 17 Paragraph 2 (a)	Is the country listed in the Annex to Council Decision 79/542/EEC that is referred to in the Annex of Commission Decision 94/63/EC	
1.1.1.	Decision 2004/211/EC	Is the third country listed in Decision 2004/211/EC for export of equine semen	
1.1.2.	Decision 2004/211/EC	Is the country listed for certain categories of equidae only	
1.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 1 (measures equivalent)	Are the checks at origin carried out equivalent to the requirements laid down in Article 3 of Directive 90/425/EEC	
1.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 2	Are the rules on disease notification established in Directives 90/425/EEC and 90/426/EEC applied	
1.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 17 Paragraph 2 (b)	Is a model animal health certificate available for imports into the EU of equine semen from the country of dispatch (Commission Decision 96/539/EC)	
1.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 4 (measures equivalent)	Are arrangements in place to prenotify the arrival of a consignment at an approved border inspection post for the checks required in accordance with Council Directive 97/78/EC	
1.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 5	Does the competent authority have the legal power to carry out checks where it is suspected that the provisions governing semen collection centres have not been complied with or there is a doubt as for the health of the animals or the quality of semen	
1.7.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 6	Are administrative or penal measures available to penalize any infringement of the provisions governing semen collection centres in particular as for the certificates, state of animals, identification and marking of animals and semen and the control of animals and products concerned	
2. Technical conditions to be applied for semen collection centre			
2.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 1	Is the centre placed under the supervision of a centre veterinarian	
2.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 2 (a)	Has the centre lockable animal accommodation which is physically separated from the collection, processing and storing facilities, rooms	
2.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 2 (b)	Is the exercise area of horses physically separated from the collection, processing and storing facilities, rooms	
2.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 2 (b)	Has the centre isolation facilities which have no direct communication with the normal animal accommodation	
2.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 2 (c)	Has the centre semen collection facilities including a separate room for the cleansing, disinfection and sterilisation equipment	
2.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 2 (d)	Has the centre a processing room separated from collection facilities	
2.7.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 2 (e)	Has the centre a semen storage room	
2.8.	92/65/EEC Council Directive	Is the centre so constructed that contact with outside	

	Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 3	livestock is prevented	
2.9.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph I. 4	Is the entire centre except the office rooms and the exercise area readily cleaned and disinfected	
3. Health conditions to be applied for semen collection centre			
3.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 1	Are only horses/equidae of the appropriate category kept on the centre	
3.2. 3.2.1. 3.2.2. 3.2.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 1	What other species are kept on the centre Solipeds Cloven hoof animals Pet animals (dog, cat)	
3.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 1	Domestic animals other than equidae present any risk to those animals used for semen collection	
3.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 1	Are mares, teaser stallions, stallions for natural service kept on the same site	
3.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 1	If yes, does the health state of them fulfil the requirements laid down in points 4.2.1 - 4.5?	
3.6. 3.6.1. 3.6.2. 3.6.3. 3.6.4. 3.6.5. 3.6.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 2 92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 2 Indent 1 92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 2 Indent 2 92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 2 Indent 3 92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 2 Indent 4 92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 2 Indent 5 92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 2 Indent 6	Are records kept on the centre which show: the species, breed, date of birth and identification of each animal present in the centre any movement of animals entering or leaving the centre the health history diagnostic tests and results thereof, treatments and vaccinations carried out on animals kept the date of collecting and processing semen the destination of semen the storage of semen	
3.7.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 3	Is the centre inspected at least once a breeding season by official veterinarian	
3.8.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 4	Is banned the entry of unauthorised persons	
3.8.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 4	Is the movement of persons registered	
3.9.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 5	Has the staff received adequate training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of diseases	
3.10.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 1	Were the animals kept on the centre used for natural breeding in the 30 days prior to first semen collection and during the collection period	

3.11.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 2	Is semen collection, processing, storage carried out in premises set aside for these purposes	
3.12.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 3	Are all utensils coming into contact with the semen of the donor animal properly disinfected or sterilized prior to use	
3.12.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 3	If no, are only new and disposable utensils used which are discarded after use	
3.13.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III Paragraph (c)	Are all materials used for semen collection, processing, conservation or freezing properly disinfected or sterilized prior to use	
3.13.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III Paragraph (c)	If no, are only new and disposable materials used that are discarded after use	
3.14.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 3	Are the instruments and equipment for natural or artificial insemination strictly separated from instruments and equipment coming into contact with donor or other animals on the centre and the semen	
3.15.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 4	Do products of animal origin such as diluents, additives or extenders used in the processing of the semen present animal health risk to either the animals kept in the centre or other livestock or poultry	
3.15.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 4	Have products of animal origin such as diluents, additives or extenders used in the processing of the semen undergone prior treatment to preclude animal health risk	
3.16.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III Paragraph (b)	Are antibiotics added to the diluent or semen	
3.17.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 5	Had cryogenic agents been used previously for other products of animal origin	
3.18.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 6	Are receptacles for the storage or transport of semen properly disinfected or sterilised	
3.18.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 6	If no, are only new and disposable receptacles used that are discarded after use	
3.19. 3.19.1. 3.19.2. 3.19.3. 3.19.4. 3.19.5. 3.19.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I Paragraph II. 6 Indent 7	Is each individual dose of semen indelibly identified showing data as follows: state of origin date of collection the species the breed the identity of the donor animal name and/or registration number of semen collection centre	
3.20.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III Paragraph (f)	Is frozen semen placed in a sterile liquid nitrogen container which present no risk of contamination to the product	
3.21.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III Paragraph (g)	Is frozen semen stored in approved conditions for a minimum 30 days period prior to dispatch	
3.22.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III Paragraph (h)	Are containers for the storage or transport of semen properly disinfected or sterilised?	
3.22.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive	If no, are only new and disposable receptacles used that	

	Annex D Chapter III Paragraph (h)	are discarded after use	
4. Health conditions to be applied to equidae in the semen collection centre			
4.1.		Number of stallions in the centre:	
4.2.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 1	Did they show any sign of an infectious disease at the time of admission	
4.2.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 1	Did they show any sign of an infectious disease during semen collection period	
4.2.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 1	Is health status of stallions examined and registered on the day of semen collection	
4.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 2	Are the stallions coming from a country or part of the territory of a country regionalised in accordance with EC legislation and from a holding under veterinary supervision each of which satisfy the requirements of Council Directive 90/426/EEC	
4.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 3	Have the stallions been kept for 30 days prior to semen collection in holding where no equine has shown any clinical sign of equine viral arteritis during that period	
4.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 4	Have the stallions been kept for 60 days prior to semen collection in holding where no equine has shown any clinical sign of contagious equine metritis during that period	
4.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 5	Have the stallions been used for natural mating during 30 days prior to the first semen collection and during the collection period	
4.7.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 6	Have the following laboratory tests carried out and certified in an approved laboratory according to the program described in point 4.8.	
4.7.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 6 Indent 1	Coggins-test for equine infectious anaemia with negative result	
4.7.2.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 6 Indent 2	serum neutralisation test for equine viral arteritis at a serum dilution of 1 in 4 with negative result	
4.7.2.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 6 Indent 2	If not negative, a virus isolation test on an aliquot of the entire semen with negative result.	
4.7.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 6 Indent 3	A test for contagious equine metritis carried out on two occasions with an interval of seven days by isolation of Taylorella equigenitalis from pre-ejaculatory fluid or semen sample and from genital swabs taken at least from penile sheath, urethra and urethral fossa with negative result in each case.	
4.8.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 7	Has one of the following testing procedures been carried out	
4.8.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 7 (i)	Where semen is collected for fresh or chilled semen:	
4.8.1.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 7 (i) Indent 1	and the donor stallion is continuously resident on the collection centre for at least 30 days prior to the first semen collection and during the collection period, and no equidae on the collection centre come into direct contact with equidae of lower health status than the donor stallion, the tests required in the point 4.7. were carried out at least 14 days after the start of the above	

4.8.1.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 7 (i) Indent 2	residence period and at least once a year at the beginning of the breeding season. and the donor stallion is not continuously resident on the collection centre, and/or other equidae on the collection centre come into direct contact with equidae of lower health status, the tests required in the point 4.7. were carried out within the 14 days before the first semen collection and at least once a year at the beginning of the breeding season. Furthermore, the test required in point 4.7.1. was repeated at least every 120 days during the period of semen collection. The test required in point 4.7.2. was carried out not more than 30 days before each semen collection, unless the non-shedder state of a seropositive stallion for equine viral arteritis is confirmed by virus isolation test which must be carried out annually.
	4.8.2. 92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II Paragraph A. 7 (ii)	Where semen is collected for trade in frozen semen, the testing programs described in point 4.8.1. were applied or, alternatively, in point 4.7. during the mandatory 30 days storage period of the semen and not less than 14 days after the collection of the semen, irrespective of the residence status of the stallion.