

Questionnaire for the approval of porcine semen collection centers			
Number	Reference	Question	Y= Yes N= No
1. General criteria			
1.1	90/429/EEC Council Directive Article 7 Paragraph 1	Is the country listed in Annex I to Commission Decision 2002/613/EC	
1.2	90/429/EEC Council Directive Article 14	Are the checks at origin carried out equivalent to the requirements laid down in Article 3 of Directive 90/425/EEC	
1.3	90/429/EEC Council Directive Article 10	Is a model animal health certificate available for imports into the EU of porcine semen from the country of dispatch	
1.4	90/429/EEC Council Directive Article 14	Are arrangements in place to pre-notify the arrival of a consignment at an approved border inspection post for the checks required in accordance with Council Directive 97/78/EC	
1.5	Article 15	Are the rules on disease notification established in Directives 90/425/EEC applied	
1.6	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1	Is the centre approved for dual purposes (national and EU –approved)	
2. Technical Conditions to be applied for semen collection centers			
2.1	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1	Is the centre placed under the permanent supervision of a centre veterinarian	
2.2	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 2a,b,c,d	Has the centre animal housing including facilities for the isolation of animals which have failed tests described in Annex B, Chapter II, or which show clinical signs of disease	
		Has the centre semen collection facilities including a separate room for the cleaning and disinfection or sterilization of equipment	
		Has the centre a semen processing room which need not necessarily be on the same site	
		Has the centre a semen storage room which need not necessarily be on the same site	
2.3	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 3	Has the centre be so constructed or isolated that contact with livestock outside is prevented	
2.4	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 4	Has the centre be so constructed that the animal housing and semen collection, processing and storage facilities can be readily cleaned and disinfected	
2.5	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 5	Has the centre be so designed that the animal accommodation is physically separated from the semen processing room and both are separated from the semen storage room.	

3. Health Conditions to be applied for semen collection centre			
3.1	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1	Are only animals of the species whose semen is to be collected kept at the centre	
3.2	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2	Is a record, file or computer record kept of all porcine animals at the centre, giving details of the breed, date of birth and identification of each of the animals, and also a record, file or computer record of all checks for diseases and all vaccinations carried out, giving also information from the disease/health file of each animal	
3.3	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 3	Is the centre inspected by an official veterinarian, at least twice a year, at which time checks on the conditions of approval and supervision shall be carried out	
3.4	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 4	Is the entry of unauthorized persons prevented? Furthermore, authorized visitors must be required to comply with the conditions laid down by the centre veterinarian	
3.5	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 5	Has the staff been suitably trained in disinfection procedures and hygiene techniques relevant to the control of the spread of disease	
3.6	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 6a	Has all semen been collected, processed and stored in approved centres, without coming into contact with any other consignment of semen	
3.7	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 6b	Is the collection, processing and storage of semen carried out only in the premises set aside for that purpose and under conditions of the strictest hygiene	
3.8	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 6c	Are all implements which come into contact with the semen or the donor animal during collection and processing are properly disinfected or sterilized prior to use	
3.9	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 6d	Are products of animal origin used in the processing of semen — including additives or diluents -- obtained from sources which present no animal health risk or are so treated prior to use that such risk is prevented	
3.10	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 6e	Are storage flasks and transport flasks properly disinfected or sterilized before the beginning of each filling operation	
3.11	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 6h	Had cryogenic agents been previously used for other products of animal origin	
3.12	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 6g	Is each collection of semen, whether or not it is separated into individual doses, clearly marked as follows: date of collection, breed, identity of the donor animal, name and registration number of centre	
3.13	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 2	Are antibiotics added to the diluent or semen	

4. Health conditions to be applied to boars in the semen collection centre			
4.1		Number of boars in the center:	
4.2		All animals admitted to the centre:	
4.2.1	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1a	Have been subjected to a period of quarantine of at least 30 days in accommodations specifically approved for the purpose by the competent authority of the Member State, and where only animals having at least the same health status are present	
4.3		Prior to their entering the quarantine accommodation, all animals have been chosen from herds or holdings:	
4.3.1		which are free of brucellosis in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code	
4.3.2		in which no animal vaccinated against foot and-mouth disease has been present in the preceding 12 months,	
4.3.3	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1b	in which no clinical, serological or virological evidence of Aujeszky's disease has been detected in the preceding 12 months,	
4.3.4		which are not situated in a restricted area defined under the provisions of the Community legislation due to the emergence of a disease in domestic pigs.	
4.4		Before the period of quarantine specified in 4.2.1 (above), and within the 30 days previous to entering quarantine, have been subjected to the following tests, performed in accordance with standards laid down in relevant Directives, with negative results:	
4.4.1	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1c	a complement fixation test or a buffered brucella antigen test in respect of brucellosis (from 1 January 2001, the buffered brucella antigen test will be the only authorized test)	
4.4.2		a serum neutralization or an ELISA test using all the Aujeszky's disease viral antigens in the case of non-vaccinated pigs or an ELISA test for Aujeszky's disease G1 antigens in the case of pigs vaccinated with a G1 deleted vaccine	
4.4.3.		an ELISA test or a serum neutralisation test for the presence of classical swine fever OR the US is free of classical swine fever	

4.5		During the last 15 days of the period of quarantine specified in 4.2.1 (above) of at least 30 days the animals have been subjected to the following tests with negative results:	
4.5.1	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1d	in respect of brucellosis, a complement fixation test or a buffered brucella antigen test (from the 1 January 2001 the buffered brucella antigen test will be the only authorized test)	
4.5.2		a serum neutralization or an ELISA test using all the Aujeszky's disease viral antigens in the case of non-vaccinated pigs, or an ELISA test for Aujeszky's disease G1 antigens in the case of pigs vaccinated with a G1 deleted vaccine	
4.6	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 2	Are all test carried out in a laboratory approved by the competent authority	
4.7	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 3	Are animals only admitted to the semen collection centre with the express permission of the centre veterinarian and all animal movements, both in and out, are recorded	
4.8	90/429/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 4	No animal admitted to the semen collection centre may show any clinical sign of disease on the day of admission; all animals must, without prejudice to paragraph 5, have come directly from quarantine accommodation as referred to in 4.2.1 (above) which, on the day of consignment, officially fulfils the following conditions: (a) it is not situated in a restricted area defined under the provisions of the Community legislation due to the emergence of a disease in domestic pigs; (b) no clinical, pathological or serological evidence of Aujeszky's disease has been recorded for the past 30 days	