

INFORMATION FOR IMPORTERS OF SHEEP/ GOAT SEMEN FROM CANADA, ICELAND AND MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

The importer should be aware of the requirements in the United States once the permit application is approved and the SHEEP/ GOAT semen from these regions is imported:

1. The semen holding facility/ destination farm needs to have a premises ID assigned and be recorded in Surveillance Collaborative System/ Scrapie (SCS SCR). Semen may only be delivered to this premises, as listed on the import permit. **Proof of registration must accompany the imported semen shipment and be submitted at the time of application.**
2. Some type of documentation from the semen storage facility or destination farm with the SCS SCR premise identification number would be sufficient. This may be a signed letter on letterhead stationery from the company with the information, a copy of a USDA APHIS form or letter with this information (the company, the premise identification, etc) or similar official document with this information. If a screen shot of such documentation from SCS contains all the needed information and is clearly readable/reproducible, it would also be appropriate.
3. Copies of the documents should be obtainable through the semen storage facility/ destination farm or the regional USDA APHIS Veterinary Services FiOps (Field Operations) District office in the where the facility is located: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/contacts/field-operations-districts.pdf.
4. The import permittee (or designated agent) must notify USDA APHIS VS FiOps state district office in writing or by email within 10 (ten) business days confirming the shipment of semen has been received at the specified destination location and provide a copy of the import permit as reference. The contact information may be located at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/contacts/field-operations-districts.pdf.
5. The imported semen may only be further distributed after importation, if it is moved to another premises with a premises identification and flock identification recorded in the Surveillance Collaborative System/ Scrapie (SCS SCR) with prior written notification to the APHIS Veterinary Services FiOps (Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services) District office in the state where the receiving premises is located. Contact information: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/contacts/field-operations-districts.pdf.
6. Again, all of the flocks receiving the semen must have flock ID and premises IDs assigned and recorded in Surveillance Collaborative System/ Scrapie (SCS SCR). Premise/flock owners should call 866-USDA-TAG if they do not already have a premise/flock ID to get one.
7. All first generation (F1) progeny resulting from imported semen will be identified with a permanent official identification consistent with the provisions of the USDA Scrapie Program and (2) Records of any sale of F1 progeny, including the name and address of the buyer, will be kept for a period of 5 years. APHIS may view and copy these records during normal business hours.

This does not affect the collection of the donor animals or the exporter; it only concerns the long-term tracing of the imported semen in U.S. sheep/ goat flocks and the resulting progeny. The importer will need to plan on the paperwork required for this type of import, making sure records will be maintained as directed, all premises holding the semen or using the semen are registered, as well as the flocks being inseminated, the Fi progeny, and records of the sale/ transfer of any F1 progeny.