

## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BELIZE FOR SWINE SEMEN, FRESH OR FROZEN, IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The porcine semen must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian accredited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of exporter, importer, and semen collection center, the breed of semen donors, and the number of doses.

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The semen was collected, processed and stored in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
2. The Semen Collection Center is approved by Veterinary Services and is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of an accredited Veterinarian.
3. The United States is recognized by OIE as free from foot and mouth disease and is free from classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, Teschen disease, and vesicular exanthema.
4. Donors remained at the semen collection center for at least 30 days prior to and 30 days after the semen collection. During this period donors were clinically healthy.
5. Donors were not used for natural service during the 30 days prior to semen collection.
6. Donors were subjected to the following diagnostic tests with negative results:
  - (a) Porcine brucellosis:
  - (b) Aujeszky's disease:
  - (c) Transmissible gastroenteritis:
  - (d) Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome.
7. Swine semen straws or ampoules are identified and labeled according to the code of swine semen producers of the United States.
8. The swine semen intended for export was stored separately from other genetic material of lower health status in new or sterilized/sanitized tanks filed with fresh liquid nitrogen before export.

Or

The fresh swine semen intended for export was diluted into a long-term non BSA extender and stored in a cooler at 17 degrees C or 62.6 degrees F, separately from other genetic material of lower health status in new or sterilized/sanitized tanks filed with fresh liquid nitrogen before export.
9. Semen containers must be officially sealed.