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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA FOR CAPRINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. No person shall import caprine semen into Canada unless he/she does so under and in accordance with a permit issued by the Minister to ensure:

   i) that the semen has been collected, processed, and stored in an approved animal semen production center;

   ii) that the semen has been derived from donor animals whose health status is such that the risk of spread of animal diseases is eliminated;

   iii) that the semen has been collected, processed, stored, and transported in accordance with procedures which preserves its health status; and

   iv) that the semen is accompanied to Canada by an export health certificate of an official veterinarian of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in order to confirm that these obligations have been fulfilled.

2. The import permit referred to above shall remain in force for a period of three (3) months from the date of issuance.

3. Caprine semen being imported into Canada must be accompanied by an official export health certificate in English or French issued by a full-time salaried veterinarian of the USDA or an official export certificate issued by an approved (accredited) veterinarian and endorsed by an official salaried veterinarian of the USDA that clearly identifies:

   i) The import permit number, the name of the exporting country and the name of the issuing authority;

   ii) the identification of the donor animal including:

      a) the species and commodity;
      b) the breed and registered name;
      c) the registration number;
      d) the collection date and the number of straws; and,
      e) the identification/marking of the straws:

   iii) the origin of the semen including:

      a) the name of the exporter;

b) the full address of the exporter; and,
c) the name of the approved semen production center where the semen was collected, if different from b) above:

iv) the consignment description including:

a) the total number of straws;
b) the serial number of the shipping container; and,
c) the number/markings of the official seal on the shipping container:

v) the destination of the semen including the full name and address of the consignee.

NOTE: The export health certificate to be used is included in these requirements.

4. In the case of frozen semen, the semen must be processed and stored separately in the United States from semen not intended for export to Canada from the time of collection to the time of export to Canada, the minimum period of which must not be less than thirty (30) days.

5. In the case of fresh or chilled semen, the semen must be processed and stored in the United States separately from semen not intended for export to Canada from the time of collection to the time of export to Canada.

6. The semen must be exported to Canada from the United States without having been exported to any other country.

7. The semen must enter Canada through an inspection port in a container bearing an unbroken seal of the government of the United States.

8. The semen must be stored within the sealed container in ampoules, straws or other receptacles that are marked in a permanent manner with:

i) the date of collection of the semen;

ii) the registered name and number of the animal from which the semen was collected; and,

iii) the identity of the approved semen production center, where applicable.

9. No person shall remove caprine semen imported into Canada from an inspection port except:

i) in a container bearing an unbroken seal of the Government of the United States; and,

ii) to an approved animal semen production center or other place approved by the Minister.

10. No person shall import animal semen into Canada that is contaminated by bacteria, virus or any other micro-organism capable of introducing disease in animals.

11. Where the person importing the animal semen fails to comply with any of the above conditions or the semen is found not to be from the animal source described in the accompanying official export health certificate, an inspector may order the person having the possession, care or custody of the animal semen imported into Canada to destroy it, return it to the country of export or deal with it in such other manner as the inspector may specify.

Health Certificate No. _____
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal
Appears over the Certificate No.)

ZOO SANITARY CERTIFICATE
CAPRINE SEMEN

Part A: IDENTIFICATION

1. Import permit number:
2. Species and Commodity: CAPRINE SEMEN
3. Exporting Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
4. Issuing Authority: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

5. Donor Identification:

Registered Name	Registration Number	Breed	No. of Straws	Collection Date	Straw Ident:

6. Consignment Description:

   a) Total number of straws: _____
   b) Serial number of the shipping tank: _____
   c) Number of official USDA seal on tank: _____

7. Origin of the Semen:

   a) Name of exporter: _____
   _____
   _____

   c) Name of approved semen production center where semen collected if different than above:
   _____
   _____

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8. Destination of the Semen:
   a) Name of Consignee:_____
   b) Address:_____
   _____
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Part B: HEALTH INFORMATION

1. The donor buck has been resident at an animal semen production center, which is under the supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian, for not less than thirty (30) days following successful completion of all entry requirements, immediately preceding the collection of the semen.

2. All caprine animals maintained at the approved center have been tested at intervals of not more than six (6) months and proved negative for tuberculosis, brucellosis, leptospirosis (serotypes *L. pomona* and *L. hardjo*), bluetongue, and paratuberculosis.

3. The donor buck is not the progeny of a sire or dam that was affected by scrapie and no case of scrapie has been diagnosed during the previous five (5) years in the herd of origin of the donor animals.

4. The donor buck was inspected by a USDA accredited veterinarian at the time of the collection of the semen and found to be free from evidence of communicable diseases to which goats are susceptible. In addition, there has been no evidence of communicable diseases to which goats are susceptible diagnosed at the semen production center for the thirty (30) days preceding the collection of semen destined to Canada.

5. The donor buck has been tested within six (6) months of the collection of the semen with negative results for the following diseases and the date of such tests are shown:
   i) Tuberculosis: Intradermal skin test in caudal fold using PPD tuberculin.
      Date of test:_____
   ii) Brucellosis: Flourescence polarization assay (FPA)
      Date of test:_____
   iii) Paratuberculosis: complement fixation (CF) test OR intradermal johnin test OR fecal culture
      Date of test:_____
   iv) Leptospirosis: microtiter agglutination test at 1:100 dilution for serotypes *L. pomona* and *L. hardjo*
      Date of test:_____

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v) Bluetongue: AGID OR ELISA
Date of test:_____

6. During the residency period in the semen collection center preceding the collection of semen through until the final collection of semen to be exported to Canada, the donor buck was not used for natural service.

7. The donor animal is free of any evidence of known genetic defects and has not been shown to be associated with such defects in close relatives or with any reproductive disorder.

8. Permanent markings on each ampoule, straw, or receptacle of semen are to include the date of collection, the registration name and registration number of the donor buck and this information is also shown on the health certificate.

9. The semen was extended in a diluent to which antibiotics in generally accepted levels had been added and, to the knowledge of the certifying veterinarian, the semen is free from contamination by pathogenic micro-organisms.

10. The semen has not been stored in inseminator containers or on farms between the time of collection and the time of shipment.

11. The shipping container containing the semen has been sealed with a USDA approved seal. The serial number or markings of the seal and the serial number of the shipping container are to be shown on the health certificate.

_____ _____
Date issued Issuing Accredited Veterinarian

_____ _____
Date endorsed Endorsing USDA Veterinarian
(Valid only if official USDA seal appears over the signature)

Note: All line-outs must be initialed