

Questionnaire for the approval of equine semen collection centres			
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1. General criteria			
1.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 17 Paragraph 2(a)	Is the third country or parts of the territory of third country listed in columns 2 and 4 of Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC for imports to the EU of semen of animals of the equine species	
1.2.	2004/211/EC Commission Decision, Annex I	Is the country listed for certain categories of equidae only	
1.3.	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	
1.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 2	Are the rules on disease notification established in Directives 90/425/EEC and 92/65/EEC applied and the diseases listed in Annex I to Directive 2009/156/EC are compulsorily notifiable	
1.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 4 (measures equivalent)	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	
1.6.	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 penalise 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 (I), Point 1.1	Is the centre placed under the supervision of a centre veterinarian authorised by the competent authorities	
2.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 1.2 (a)	Has the centre lockable animal accommodation which is physically separated from the collection facilities, processing and storage, rooms	
2.3.		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 (I) Point 1.2 (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 (I) Point 1.2 (c)	Has the centre semen collection facilities, that may be open air, protected from adverse weather effects, with slip-proof flooring with protects from dramatic injury in case of fall, at and around the place of semen collection, without the prejudice to the requirements in point 2.10 of this questionnaire	
2.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 1.2 (d)	Has the centre a separate room for the cleansing and disinfection or sterilisation of equipment	
2.7.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 1.2 (e)	Has the centre a semen processing room separated from the collection facilities	

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2.8.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 1.2 (f)	Has the centre a semen storage room	
2.9.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 1.3	Is the centre so constructed or isolated that contact with outside livestock is prevented	
2.10.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 1.4	Is the entire centre except the office rooms and the exercise area so constructed that it can be readily cleaned and disinfected	
2.11.		If not, can the outdoor accommodation facilities be quarantined for a sufficient time	
3. Health conditions to be applied for semen collection centre			
3.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (a)	Are only horses/equidae of the appropriate category kept on the centre	
3.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (a)	What other species are kept on the centre	
3.2.1.		Equidae	
3.2.2.		Cloven hoofed animals	
3.2.3.		Pet animals (dog, cat)	
3.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (a)	Is the centre veterinarian satisfied that the health status of other domestic animals present on the centre sufficiently excludes risks pertaining to the animal health status of the equine animals used for semen collection	
3.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (a)	Are mares, teaser stallions or stallions for natural service kept on the same site	
3.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (a)	If yes, does their health state fulfil the requirements laid down in points 4.2.1 - 4.5	
3.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (b)	Is the entry of unauthorised persons prevented and are the authorised visitors required to comply with the conditions laid down by centre veterinarian	
3.7	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (c)	Is only competent staff who have received adequate training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of disease employed by the centre	
3.8	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (a)	Are records kept on the centre which show:	
3.8.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (a)(i)	the species, breed, date of birth and identification of each animal present in the centre	
3.8.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (a)(ii)	any movement of animals entering or leaving the centre	
3.8.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.1 (a)(iii)	the health history and the diagnostic tests and results thereof, treatments and vaccinations carried out on animals kept	
3.8.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (a)(iv)	the date of collecting and processing semen	

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3.8.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (a)(v)	the destination of semen	
3.8.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (a)(vi)	the storage of semen	
3.9.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (b)	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	
3.10.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (c)	Is semen collection, processing, storage carried out in premises set aside for these purposes	
3.11.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (d)	Are all instruments which come into contact with the semen or the donor animal during collection and processing properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use	
3.11.2.		If no, are only new and disposable utensils used which are discarded after use	
3.11.3.		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	
3.12.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (e)	Do products of animal origin such as diluents, additives or extenders used in the processing of the semen obtained from the sources which present no animal health risk or are so treated prior to use that such risk is prevented	
3.13.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (f)	Had cryogenic agents used for preservation or storage of semen been used previously for other products of animal origin	
3.14.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (g)	Are storage and transport containers properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation	
3.14.2.		If no, are only new and disposable receptacles used that are discarded after use	
3.15.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 1.2 (h)	Is each individual dose of semen indelibly identified showing data as follows:	
3.15.2.		date of collection	
3.15.3.		the species	
3.15.4.		the breed	
3.15.5.		the identification of the donor animal	
3.15.6.		approval number of semen collection centre	
3.16.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III (I) Point 1.1	Are antibiotics added to the diluents or semen	
3.17.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III (I) Point 1.3 (b)	Is frozen semen stored in approved conditions for a minimum 30 days period prior to dispatch	
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 (I)	Did they show any sign of an infectious disease at the time of admission	

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4.2.2.		Did they show any sign of an infectious disease during semen collection period	
4.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.2	Are the stallions coming from a country or part of the territory of a country regionalised in accordance with EU legislation and from a holding under veterinary supervision each of which satisfy the requirements of Council Directive 2009/156/EC	
4.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.3	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 or contagious equine metritis during that period	
4.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.4	Have the stallions been used for natural mating during 30 days prior to the first semen collection and during the collection period	
4.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.5	Have the following laboratory tests carried out and certified in an approved laboratory according to the program described in point 4.7 of this questionnaire	
4.6.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.5 (a)	An agar immuno-diffusion test (Coggins-test) or ELISA for equine infectious anaemia with negative result	
4.6.2.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.5 (b)	serum neutralisation test for equine viral arteritis at a serum dilution of 1 in 4 with negative result	
4.6.2.2.		If not negative, a virus isolation test on an aliquot of the entire semen with negative result.	
4.6.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.5 (c)	A test for contagious equine metritis carried out on two occasions on samples collected from the donor stallion with an interval of seven days by isolation of <i>Taylorella equigenitalis</i> from pre-ejaculatory fluid or semen sample and from genital swabs taken at least from the penile sheath, urethra and urethral fossa with negative result in each case	
4.7.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.6	Has one of the following testing procedures been carried out	
4.7.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.6 (a)	if the donor stallion is continuously resident on the semen collection centre for at least 30 days prior to the date of the first semen collection and during the collection period, and no equidae on the semen collection centre come into direct contact with equidae of lower health status than the donor stallion, the tests required in point 4.6 of this questionnaire shall be carried out on samples collected from the donor stallion prior to the first semen collection and at least 14 days following the date of the commencement of the residence period of at least 30 days;	
4.7.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.6 (b)	if the donor stallion is resident on the semen collection centre for at least 30 days prior to the date of the first semen collection and during the collection period, but may leave the centre occasionally under the responsibility of the centre veterinarian for a continuous period of less than 14 days, and/or other equidae on the collection centre come into direct contact with equidae of lower health status, the tests required in point 4.6 of this questionnaire shall be carried out on samples collected from the donor stallion as follows: (i) at least once a year at the beginning of the breeding	

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		<p>season or prior to the first semen collection and at least 14 days following the date of the commencement of the residence period of at least 30 days; and</p> <p>(ii) during the period of semen collection as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for the test required in point 4.6.1 of this questionnaire at least every 90 days; - for the test required in point 4.6.2 of this questionnaire at least every 30 days, unless the non-shedder state of a seropositive stallion for equine viral arteritis is confirmed by a biannual virus isolation test, and - for the test required in point 4.6.3 of this questionnaire at least every 60 days; 	
4.7.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.6 (c)	<p>if the donor stallion does not meet the conditions in points 4.7.1 and 4.7.2 of this questionnaire and/or the semen is collected for trade in frozen semen, the tests required in point 4.6 of this questionnaire shall be carried out on samples collected from the donor stallion as follows:</p> <p>(i) at least once a year at the beginning of the breeding season or collection period;</p> <p>(ii) during the storage period provided for in point 4.4 of this questionnaire (b) of Section I of Chapter III and before the semen is removed from the centre or used, on samples taken not earlier than 14 days and not later than 90 days following the date of collection of the semen;</p> <p>By way of derogation from point (ii), post-collection sampling and testing for equine viral arteritis as described in 4.6.2 of this questionnaire is not required in case the non-shedder state of a seropositive stallion for equine viral arteritis is confirmed by a biannual virus isolation test</p>	
4.7.4.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.7	If any of the tests provided for in point 4.6 of this questionnaire was positive, was the donor stallion isolated, and the semen collected from it since the date of the last negative test has not been subjected for trade with the exception, for equine viral arteritis, of semen from every ejaculate which has undergone the equine arteritis virus isolation test with negative result	
4.7.4.2.		Was semen collected from all other stallions at the semen collection centre since the date when the last sample was collected that gave a negative result in one of the tests provided for in point 4.6 of this questionnaire kept in separate storage and not subjected for trade until the health status of the semen collection centre has been restored and the semen stored has undergone the appropriate official investigations to rule out the presence in the semen of pathogens causing diseases mentioned in point 4.6 of this questionnaire	

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4.7.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I) Point 1.8	Is semen collected from stallions at a semen collection centre subject to a prohibition order in accordance with Article 4 or 5 of Directive 2009/156/EC kept in separate storage and not be subjected for trade until the health status of the semen collection centre has been restored by the official veterinarian in accordance with Directive 2009/156/EC and the semen stored has undergone the appropriate official investigations to rule out the presence in the semen of pathogens causing diseases listed in Annex I to Directive 2009/156/EC	