

## UK Equine Semen Storage Center (SSC)

**This document is to be used for the inspection of equine semen storage centers seeking new or continued approval for exports to the United Kingdom (Great Britain). References to the European Union (EU) are due to the fact it is based on EU legislation retained by the United Kingdom.**

### Acknowledgement of Inspection Scheduling Responsibility

The center veterinarian understands that it is the responsibility of the center, not USDA-APHIS, to schedule inspections every 6 months (+/- 30 days). If the center does not request and obtain an inspection within the required timeframe, the center may be removed from the UK's list and any stocks of germinal products stored under this approval could irrevocably lose eligibility for export to the UK (Great Britain).

Name of Center Veterinarian [type or print]: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate for the approval in accordance with  
Council Directive 92/65/EEC<sup>1</sup> of an equine semen storage centre**

<p><b>Name and address of the semen storage centre</b></p>	
<p><b>Owner</b></p>	
<p><b>Person in charge</b></p>	
<p><b>Name and address of the responsible centre veterinarian</b></p>	
<p><b>Name and address of the competent official veterinarian</b></p> <p><b>I, the undersigned, certify that the semen storage centre detailed above has been inspected on the basis of the attached checklist and found in compliance with the requirements of Council Directive 92/65/EEC.</b></p>	
<p><b>Name and address of the central competent authorities</b></p> <p><b>I, the undersigned, certify that the semen storage centre detailed above complies with the animal health requirements laid down in Council Directive 92/65/EEC for imports into the Union of semen of animals of the equine species.</b></p>	
<p><b>Approval Date: [dd.mm.yyyy]</b></p>	
<p><b>Approval Number assigned to the centre</b></p>	

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<sup>1</sup> Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 90/425/EEC (OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p.54)

<b>Questionnaire for the approval of equine semen storage centre</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Y = Yes N = No</b>
<b>1. General criteria</b>			
<b>1.1</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 17 Point 2 (a)	Is the third country or parts of the territory of third country listed in columns 2 and 4 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 <sup>2</sup> and authorised for entry into the EU of semen of animals of the equine species in column(s) 11, 12 and/or 13 thereof	
<b>1.2.</b>	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659, Annex I	Is the country listed for all categories of equidae <sup>3</sup>	
		Where the country is listed only for certain categories equidae please indicate appropriate letter <sup>3</sup> in right column (for example "(a)") <sup>4</sup>	
		Is the country listed for all types of entry of equidae	
		Where the country is listed only for certain of types of entry of equidae please indicate appropriate letter <sup>4</sup> in right column (for example "(i)")	
<b>1.3.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Point 1 (measures equivalent)	Are the checks at origin carried out equivalent to the requirements laid down in Article 3 of Council Directive 90/425/EEC <sup>5</sup>	
<b>1.4.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Point 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 Council Directive 2009/156/EC <sup>6</sup> are compulsorily notifiable	
<b>1.5.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Point 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 <sup>7</sup>	
<b>1.6.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Point 5	Does the competent authority have the legal power to carry out checks where it is suspected that the provisions governing semen storage centres have not been complied with or there is a doubt as for the quality of semen	
<b>1.7.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Point 6	Are administrative or penal measures available to penalize any infringement of the provisions governing semen storage centres in particular as for the certificates and the control of products concerned therefore	
<b>2. Technical conditions to be applied for semen storage centre</b>			

<sup>2</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 of 12 April 2018 on the conditions for the entry into the Union of live equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of equidae (OJ L 110, 30.4.2018, p. 1).

<sup>3</sup> Categories of equidae are: (a) registered horses, (b) registered equidae (i.e. horses or donkeys), (c) equidae for breeding and production (horses, donkeys, zebras and their crossings).

<sup>4</sup> Types of entry are (see Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659: (i) temporary admission of registered horses, (ii) re-entry after temporary export of registered horses, (iii) import of registered horses, (iv) import of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production.

<sup>5</sup> Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market (OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p.29)

<sup>6</sup> Council Directive 2009/156/EC of 30 November 2009 on animal health conditions governing the movement and importation from third countries of equidae (OJ L 192, 23.7.2010, p.1)

<sup>7</sup> Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p.9)

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<b>2.1.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 2 (b)	Is the centre placed under the permanent supervision of a centre veterinarian authorised by the competent authorities	
<b>2.2.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 2 (c)	Does the centre have a semen storage room furnished with the necessary installation to store the semen and/or the embryos which is so constructed that it protects those products and the installation from adverse weather and environment effects	
<b>2.3.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 2 (d)	Is the centre so constructed that contact with outside livestock or other animals is prevented	
<b>2.4</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 2 (e)	Is the centre so constructed that the entire centre, except the office rooms and the exercise area, can be readily clean and disinfected	
<b>2.5</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I) Point 2 (f)	Is the centre so constructed that unauthorised access of people is effectively prevented	
<b>3. Health conditions to be applied for semen storage centre</b>			
<b>3.1.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.1 (a)	Is the status of the donor animals whose semen is stored at the centre in compliance with the requirements of Directive 92/65/EEC	
<b>3.2.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.1 (b)	Is the entry of unauthorised persons prevented and are the authorised visitors required to comply with the conditions laid down by the centre veterinarian	
<b>3.3</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.1 (b)	Has the staff received adequate training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of disease	
<b>3.4</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.1 (c)	Are records kept of all movement of semen entering and leaving the storage centre	
<b>3.5</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.2 (a)	Does the stored semen come from approved semen collection or storage centers and is transported in conditions offering every possible health guarantee, having had no contact with semen not complying with Directive 92/65/EEC	
<b>3.6</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.2 (b)	Is storage of semen carried out only on the premises set aside for the purpose and under strict conditions of hygiene	
<b>3.7.1</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.2 (c)	Are procedures in place to ensure that all instruments which come into contact with the semen are properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use	
<b>3.7.2</b>		If no, are only single-use instruments used which are discarded after use	
<b>3.8.1</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.2 (d)	Are procedures in place to ensure that the storage containers and transport containers are either properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation	
<b>3.8.2</b>		If no, are only single-use containers used that are discarded after use	

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<b>3.9</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.2 (e)	Are procedures in place to ensure that the cryogenic agents are not used previously for other products of animal origin	
<b>3.10.</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.2 (f)	Is each individual dose of semen clearly marked showing data as follows:	
<b>3.10.1.</b>		date of collection	
<b>3.10.2</b>		the species	
<b>3.10.3</b>		the breed	
<b>3.10.4</b>		the identification of the donor animal	
<b>3.10.5</b>		the approval number of the semen collection centre	
<b>3.11</b>	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Point 2.4	Is the centre inspected at least twice every calendar year by an official veterinarian in order to verify, where necessary based on records, standard operating procedures and internal audits, all matters relating to the conditions of approval, supervision and monitoring	