

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
FOR EXPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOR IMPORT INTO THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

**RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY:** United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

**COMPETENT AUTHORITY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS)

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNOR:**

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**NAME AND ADDRESS OF SEMEN COLLECTION CENTER (SCC)**

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**NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name of Donor Bull	Breed	Age (years)	Identification (ear tag, tattoo, micro-chip, RFID, registration number)	Number of Straws	Date of Collection

If more than 5 samples, a separate table is made, signed by the USDA accredited veterinarian and becomes a part of this certificate.

**II. ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATIONS:**

I, the undersigned USDA accredited veterinarian, certify to the following statements.

1. The United States of America is free in the last 6 months of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, and rinderpest.
2. The bovine semen specified in the table listed above was derived from a Semen Collection Center (SCC):
  - a. which is under constant veterinary supervision of an accredited veterinarian;

- b. which is an independent facility not holding any female bovines;
  - c. which is situated in an area of 50km (31 miles) radius centered on it, where no case of epizootic haemorrhagic disease of deer (EHD) or vesicular stomatitis was diagnosed within 5 months prior to the collection of semen for export;
3. The herds of origin:
- a. are free from any movement or quarantine restrictions;
  - b. are officially free of tuberculosis and brucellosis for the 12 months prior to export;
  - c. have been free of evidence of trichomoniasis, campylobacteriosis, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis (IBR/IPV), bovine viral diarrhea/mucosal disease (BVD/MD), leptospirosis, paratuberculosis (Johne's disease) or enzootic bovine leucosis for the 12 months prior to export.
4. Each donor bull for the semen described above:
- a. was inspected on the date of entry into the SCC and the date of semen collection, and found to be free of clinical signs of diseases transmissible in semen;
  - b. was not used for natural service for a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to collection, or during the entire period of collection;
  - c. has undergone a period of thirty (30) days isolation prior to entry into the SCC;
  - d. will be subjected to the following tests, prior to the 30 day isolation period: (tests will be performed not less than one month prior to collection or greater than six months after collection)
    - i. test negative to caudal fold tuberculin test carried out by an accredited veterinarian
    - ii. test negative for brucellosis (buffered brucella antigen test\* or C.F.\* test)
    - iii. test negative to paratuberculosis (ELISA\* or C.F.\*);
  - e. has been free of *Trichomonas fetus* and *Campylobacter fetus*, based upon qualification of entry of each bull into the SCC and later, at a 6-month interval, to routine tests;
  - f. was kept in an IBR/IPV free herd at the time of the semen collection\* OR was subjected to a diagnostic test for IBR/IPV on a blood sample taken at least 21 days after collection of the semen, with negative results\* OR had an aliquot of semen of each collection subjected to a virus isolation test\*;
  - g. was free from BVD virus, based upon qualification of entry of each bull into the SCC to routine tests;
  - h. was kept in a Bluetongue (BT) and EHD free country or zone (*specify zone*) for at least 90 days before commencement of, and during, collection of the semen\* OR was either subjected to a serological test to detect antibody to the BT group with negative results at least every 60 days throughout the collection period and

between 21 and 60 days after the final collection of this consignment\*; or were subjected to an agent identification test on blood samples collected at commencement and conclusion of and at least every 7 days (virus isolation test) or at least every 28 days (PCR test) during semen collection for this consignment with negative results.\*

5. The semen to be exported to Israel:
- a. was collected and processed under veterinary supervision;
  - b. was placed in individual ampules or straws which were permanently marked with the name of the donor, donor identification/registration number, and the collection date;
  - c. was collected using only semen collection equipment that was thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each use;
  - d. was collected and processed using good laboratory practices to minimize the possible introduction of microbial contamination;
  - e. was stored and transported in containers that were either new\* or cleaned and disinfected\*;
  - f. Only virgin liquid nitrogen was used to export semen from the United States.
  - g. Contains 1mg of streptomycin or 1 million IU's of penicillin in each 100cc of diluent, or a similar antibiotic (*Specify name and concentration*);;
  - h. has been sealed by a USDA accredited veterinarian into container number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ with USDA seal number(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. ENDORSEMENT

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Name of Issuing USDA accredited  
Veterinarian

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Name of Endorsing Federal Veterinary  
Medical Officer

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Signature of Issuing USDA accredited  
veterinarian

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Signature of Endorsing Federal Veterinary  
Medical Officer

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Date

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Date

Official Seal

\*Delete as appropriate