



Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Co-operatives
Veterinary and Livestock Services Division

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CANINE SEMEN INTO SAINT LUCIA

***Category 1: Countries and territories that are Rabies free**

****Category 2: All other countries and territories**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COUNTRIES

- 1) The donor dog must be electronically identifiable, having had an acceptable type of microchip implanted. Microchips must conform to ISO standard 11784, and reader to ISO standard 11785. If the microchip does not conform to the standard, pet owners will need to provide their own microchip reader to enable the microchip to be read successfully. Also the donor's microchip must be scanned and the number recorded each time a test, treatment, examination, or semen collection for export is done.
- 2) Semen from donor dogs that belong wholly or predominantly to the following breeds or types of dog which are prohibited under the Animals Act #25 of 2003, is not eligible for importation:
 - a) Pitt Bull Terrier
 - b) Bull Terrier
 - c) American Staffordshire Terrier
 - d) Staffordshire Bull Terrier OR British Staffordshire
 - e) Japanese Tosa Inu
 - f) Dogo Argentina
 - g) Fila Brasileiro
 - h) Crosses of the Above
- 3) The following information must be provided for each donor dog on the Veterinary Health Certificate:
 - a) Breed
 - b) Microchip number
 - c) Date/s of semen collection/s
 - d) Number of straws/cryovials in this consignment
 - e) Straw/cryovial identification
 - f) Dates of clinical examinations, sampling for tests required, type of test used, test results
- 4) **The Veterinary Certificate must include the following statements:**
 - a) Between the first and last semen collection for this consignment, the donor must be resident in the approved country and must not be under quarantine restriction.
 - b) The donor dog has been inoculated for common disease conditions, at least 14 days before the first collection of semen in the export consignment and the vaccination must be current at the time of the last collection of semen in the export consignment. (Canine Distemper, Leptospirosis, Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus).

- c) The donor dog must be tested with a negative result for *Brucella canis* using either a rapid slide agglutination test, a tube agglutination test or indirect fluorescent antibody test, on a blood sample collected between 30 and 45 days following the last collection of semen in the export consignment.
- d) The donor dog must be tested with a negative result for *Leishmania infantum* using either indirect fluorescent antibody test or enzyme linked immunosorbent assay, on a blood sample collected between 30 and 45 days following the last collection of semen in the export consignment.
- e) The donor dog must be tested with a negative result (less than 50% agglutination) at a serum dilution of 1:100 using a microscopic agglutination test for *Leptospira interrogans* sv. *Canicola*, on a blood sample collected between 30 and 45 days following the last collection of semen in the export consignment.
- f) The donor dog must be examined by a Government approved veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian and found to be healthy and free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease (including venereally transmitted disease), on each day of semen collection for this export consignment and again between 30 and 45 days after the date of the last collection of semen in this export consignment.
- g) All semen collection for this export consignment must be conducted by a Government Approved Veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian.
- h) The semen must be processed in either straw or pellet* form and be packaged and identifiable by clearly legible markings, as follows:
 - a. Microchip number of the donor animal; and
 - b. Species and breed of the donor animal; and
 - c. Date of semen collection from the donor animal.*pellets must be packaged in cryovials suitable for maintaining the product's integrity during storage and transport. The cryovial must be indelibly marked with a unique identification code, referenced on the veterinary certificate, to enable identification of semen.
- i) The shipping container was:
 - (a) new
 - OR
 - (b) Prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected with one of the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, Virkon at manufacturers recommended rate or irradiated at 50kGray.
- j) Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the shipping container.
- k) All semen in the export consignment must be stored in containers with no other biological material other than semen of equivalent health status from the date of collection until export; and a Government Approved Veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian must supervise the storage of semen from collection until the tank is sealed for export.
- l) The shipping container must be sealed with an official government seal and the Official Government Veterinarian must record the official seal number on the veterinary health certificate.
- m) All donor dog treatments, collection of specimens and examinations must be conducted by an Official Government Veterinarian or a Government Approved Veterinarian.
- n) All donor dog testing must be conducted in an approved laboratory recognised by the competent authority of the country of export. All laboratory reports must be in English and contain the microchip number stated on the Veterinary Health Certificate and the date of blood sample collection for testing.
- o) An Official Government Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp (with the stamp of the Competent Authority of the country of export) each page of the Veterinary Health Certificate. All documents e.g.

laboratory reports which form part of the extended health certification must be signed by an Official Government Veterinarian and stamped with the stamp of the competent authority in the country of export.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY 2 COUNTRIES

- 5) The donor dog must be vaccinated against Rabies at or over 12 weeks old, using an inactivated and adjuvanted vaccine approved by the veterinary authority of the exporting country. Rabies vaccination must be done after the microchip has been implanted.
- 6) The Rabies vaccination must be current at the time of the last collection of semen in the export consignment and the inoculation done with a rabies antibody titre equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml no less than 90 days prior to the first collection of semen in the export consignment.
- 7) A blood test to determine the Rabies antibody titre (Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralisation test FAVN) must be carried out by an approved laboratory, 30 days after the date of the Rabies vaccination. In order to qualify for entry, blood test must show a rabies antibody titre equal to or greater than 0.5 IU/ml.

For a list of approved labs, visit https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/pet-movement/approved-labs_en.

Please note that:

- 1. Arrangements for Import Permit must be made in advance to travel date.**
- 2. Canine semen of donor dogs failing to meet Import Requirements or entering without a permit will be refused entry or be destroyed.**
- 3. The Veterinary and Livestock Services Division must be notified of your port of entry, date, time and flight number at least three days in advance of your arrival date.**

***CATEGORY 1**

Dog must have been resident in one or more of these countries for at least 3 months prior to entry: Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos Islands, Australia, Fiji, French Polynesia (Tahiti), Hawaii, Hong Kong, Iceland, Japan, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Saint Helena, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man), Uruguay, Vatican City State

****CATEGORY 2: All other countries.**

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CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER

N.B This is not an Import Permit