

**Model Veterinary Health Certificate for Importation of Equine Semen Into The United States
From Regions Affected with Contagious Equine Metritis**

Veterinary Authority

Date Of Issue

Health Certificate Number

1. Consignor:

Name

Address

Country

2. Consignee in the United States:

Name

Address

Country

3. Country Of Origin/ISO code:

4. State Of Origin:

5. Premise/Farm Of Origin:

Name

Address

6. Port Of Embarkation/ Entry Point/ Border Port:

7. Estimated Date Of Shipment:

8. Means Of Transport:

9. Description of commodities certified for artificial reproduction: *Registered Name of donor/microchip number/Breed/Color/Sex/Distinctive Markings and other unique identification:

Seal/Container Number:

Date of Collection:

Approval Number of the Collection Center:

Quantity/ Number of straws:

Date of sampling for dourine:

Results:

Name and address of the approved laboratory:

Dates of sampling for CEM:

Results (3):

Name and address of the approved laboratory:

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This is to certify that the semen described in this document:

Was collected in a country that is recognized by USDA APHIS to be free of African horse sickness and was free of disease at the time of semen collection;

Was collected and processed in a semen collection center approved by the competent authority of the country in which the semen was collected and processed and was under the supervision of the veterinarian in charge of the center;

Was collected and processed using equipment that was new or that has been cleaned and sanitized prior to use under the supervision of the center veterinarian;

Was processed with semen extender containing

1. [Milk originating from a country or region recognized by USDA APHIS as free of foot and mouth disease] as listed in 9 CFR Part 94 and other official publications.
OR [Milk originating from a country not recognized by USDA APHIS as free of foot and mouth disease has been heat treated according to APHIS approved FMD inactivation treatments] as specified below.
 - 148'C for 3 seconds OR
 - 140'C for 5 seconds OR
 - 72'C for 15 seconds applied twice OR
 - 72'C for 15 seconds followed by a pH of less than 6 for at least 1 hour

2. AND/OR [Egg originating from a country or region recognized by USDA APHIS as free of Newcastle disease and not affected by reportable avian influenza] as listed in 9 CFR Part 94 and other official publications.
AND/OR [Egg originating from a country or region not recognized by USDA APHIS as free of Newcastle Disease and not affected by reportable avian influenza are sourced from SPF (specific pathogen free) flocks. When egg yolk is used, it is separated from eggs using aseptic techniques. Alternatively, commercial egg yolk prepared for human consumption or egg yolk treated by, for example, pasteurization or irradiation to reduce bacterial contamination to reduce bacterial contamination, may be used.]

Was placed in individual straws or ampules which are permanently marked with the identification of the donor, the date of collection and the name or approval number of the semen collection center;

Was maintained after processing under lock and key or in the custody of the center veterinarian in a segregated storage area in the semen collection center until it was placed in a shipping container. The shipping container was either new or has been cleaned and disinfected, and for frozen semen, was packed only with fresh liquid nitrogen;

None of the semen for export to the United States has been stored or transported with semen produced under less than equivalent animal health conditions.

The shipping containers were sealed with an official seal of the exporting country. The official seal number is recorded on the health certificate.

The semen is routed directly to the United States from the country in which it was collected with no other stops other than those provided on the USDA APHIS health certificate.

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The donor stallion:

Has been isolated under the supervision of the veterinarian in charge of the center from equidae not certified and tested, or under any restrictions that would make them ineligible as semen donors for export to the United States;

Has been inspected and found to be free of evidence of and not exposed to any contagious and infectious diseases on the day of semen collection;

Has been free from any quarantine or movement restrictions for not less than 60 days prior to semen collection;

Was not used for natural breeding within the 15 days prior to diagnostic testing for dourine and CEM, while the donor stallion is in the semen collection center, and during semen collection for export to the United States;

Has been isolated under the supervision of the veterinarian in charge of the center from equidae not certified and tested, or under any restrictions that would make them ineligible as semen donors for export to the United States;

Was tested for dourine in a laboratory approved by the competent veterinary authority of the country where the donor stallion was collected with negative results using the complement fixation test at a dilution of 1:5 on samples taken within 30 days after entry into isolation and at 180 day intervals if the donor remains isolated under the supervision of the center veterinarian in charge.

Prior to semen collection and prior to the release of the donor stallion and semen from isolation, the stallion was scrubbed and cultured negative in laboratories approved by the competent authority to culture for contagious equine metritis (CEM) under the supervision of the semen collection center veterinarian, using the following procedure:

For 5 consecutive days, the prepuce, penis, fossa glandis and urethral sinus must be aseptically cleaned and washed (scrubbed) while in full erection, with a solution of not less than 2.0% chlorhexidine. The entire penile area must be then thoroughly coated (packed) with an antibiotic ointment containing nitrofurazone, silver sulfadiazine or other agent recognized by the competent authority against the CEM agent, *Taylorella equigenitalis*.

Beginning at least 7 days after the last consecutive day of scrubbing and packing, 3 separate sets of 4 specimens each must be collected at intervals of not less than 72 hours between collection of each set. The collections must be made from the surface of the fossa glandis, the area of the urethral process and into the urethral fossa, the distal urethra and the penile sheath.

Semen collection may begin after the first set of specimens is cultured negative.

Either a teaser was not used or,

The teaser was a phantom teaser mare or,

If a live teaser mare was provided:

She was never used for natural breeding prior to entrance in the semen collection center or,

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The teaser mare had not been bred for the last 60 days and was tested negative for dourine and CEM. For CEM one specimen must be taken with separate swabs from the clitoral sinuses and clitoral fossa. If any teaser mare tests positive for CEM, the mare must be treated for CEM in a manner approved by the competent authority. The mare must be retreated for CEM with negative results at least 21 days after treatment is completed.

Signature of Examining Semen Collection Center Veterinarian:

Date _____

Signature of Official Veterinarian: _____
 (Authorized veterinarian for the National Veterinary Services OR officially recognized full-time animal health government representative.)

Date _____