

UK Bovine Semen Collection Center (SCC)

This document is to be used for the inspection of bovine semen collection 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 88/407/EEC of a semen collection centre
as regards domestic animals of the bovine species**

Name and address of the semen collection centre	
Owner	
Person in charge	
Name and address of the responsible centre veterinarian	
Name and address of the competent official veterinarian I, the undersigned, certify that the semen collection centre detailed above has been inspected on the basis of the attached checklist and found in compliance with the requirements of Council Directive 88/407/EEC.	
Name and address of the central competent authorities I, the undersigned, certify that the semen collection centre detailed above complies with the animal health requirements laid down in Council Directive 88/407/EEC for imports into the Union of bovine semen.	
Approval Date: [dd.mm.yyyy]	
Approval Number assigned to the centre	

Questionnaire for the approval of bovine semen collection centres			
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1. General criteria			
1.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Article 8 Paragraph 1	Is the country listed in Annex I to Commission Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU	
1.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Article 15 (equivalent measures)	Are the checks at origin carried out equivalent to the requirements laid down in Article 3 of Directive 90/425/EEC	
1.3.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Article 15	Are the rules on disease notification established in Directives 90/425/EEC applied	
1.4.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Article 11	Is a model animal health certificate available for imports into the EU of bovine semen from the country of dispatch (Commission Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU)	
1.5.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Article 12	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.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) i	Is the centre approved for dual purposes (national and EU-approved)	
2. Technical conditions to be applied for semen collection centres			
2.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (a)	Is the centre placed under the permanent supervision of a centre veterinarian	
2.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (b) i	Has the centre animal housing, including isolation facilities	
		Are the bulls in production period kept permanently indoors	
		Are the bulls in production period kept permanently indoors with a supervised access to the outside facilities	
		Are the bulls in production period kept permanently outdoors	
2.3.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (f)	Has the centre animal accommodation which is physically separated from the processing and storing facilities	
2.4.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (e)	Has the centre isolation facilities which have no direct communication with the normal animal accommodation	
2.5.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (b) ii	Has the centre semen collection facilities including a separate room for the cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation equipment	
2.6.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (b) iv	Has the centre a semen storage room	
2.7.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (c)	Is the centre so constructed that contact with livestock outside is prevented	

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2.8.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 1 (d)	Is the entire centre (animal housing, semen collecting, processing and storage facilities) readily cleaned and disinfected	
2.9.	If the centre is dually approved for the collection of the semen complying with EU requirements and for the collection of semen complying with the national rules, the scheme/lay-out should be added to indicate the system for separation of donor animals fulfilling the EU requirements from the donor animals of other health status		
3. Health conditions to be applied for semen collection centre			
3.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (a)	Are only animals of the species whose semen is to be collected kept on the centre	
3.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (b)	Are records kept on the centre which show the breed, date of birth and identification of each animal present in the centre, all checks for diseases and all vaccinations carried out for each animal	
3.3.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (c)	Is the centre inspected at least twice a year by an official veterinarian	
3.4.1	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (d)	Is banned the entry of unauthorised persons	
3.4.2	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (d)	Is the movement of persons registered	
3.5.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (e)	Has the staff received suitable training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of diseases	
3.6.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) i	Has all the semen in the processing facility (laboratory) been collected from donor bulls tested to the same health status	
3.7.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) ii	Is semen collection, processing, storage carried out in premises set aside for these purposes	
3.8.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) iii	Are all utensils coming into contact with the semen or the donor animal during collection and processing properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use	
3.8.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) iii	If no, are only single-use utensils used which are discarded after use	
3.9.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) iv	Do products of animal origin used in the processing of the semen including a diluent or additives present animal health risk to either the animals kept in the centre or other livestock or poultry	
3.10.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) iv	Have products of animal origin used in the processing of the semen including a diluent or additives undergone prior use treatment to preclude animal health risk	
3.11.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C (2)	Are antibiotics added to the diluent or semen	

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3.12.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) vi	Had cryogenic agents been used previously for other products of animal origin	
3.13.1	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) v	Are storage containers and transport containers either properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation	
3.13.2	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) v	If no, are only single-use containers used that are discarded after use	
3.14.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 1 (f) vii	Is each individual dose of semen clearly marked showing data as follows:	
3.15.1.		date of collection	
3.15.2		the breed	
3.15.3		the identity of the donor animal	
3.15.4		the approval number of the semen collection centre	
3.16.1	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C (3) a	Is frozen semen stored in approved conditions for a minimum 30 days period prior to dispatch	
3.16.2	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C (3) b	Are containers for the transport of semen to the country of destination properly disinfected or sterilised before use	
4. Health conditions to be applied to bulls in the semen collection centre			
4.1.		Number of bulls in the centre:	
4.2.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 4	Did they show any clinical sign of disease on the day of admission	
4.2.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (a)	Did they show any clinical sign of disease on the day the semen is collected	
4.2.3.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (a)	Is health status of bulls examined and registered on the day of semen collection	
4.3.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (b) i	Have the bulls not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) during the 12 months prior to collection	
4.3.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (b) ii	If no, has the semen (5% of each collection) been subjected with negative results to a virus isolation test for FMD	
4.3.3.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (c)	Have the bulls not been vaccinated against FMD within 30 days immediately prior to collection	
4.4.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (e)	Are the bulls allowed to serve naturally	
4.5.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (f)	Are the bulls kept in semen collection centres which have been free of FMD for at least three months prior to collection of the semen and 30 days after collection or, in the case of fresh semen, until the date of dispatch, and which are situated in the centre of an area of 10 kilometres radius which there has been no case of FMD for at least 30 days	

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4.6.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex C Paragraph 1 (g)	Are the bulls kept in semen collection centres which, during the period commencing 30 days prior to collection and ending 30 days after collection of the semen or, in the case of fresh semen, until the date of dispatch, have been free from those bovine diseases which are compulsory notifiable in accordance with Annex E(I) to Directive 64/432/EEC	
4.7.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (a)	Have the bulls been subjected to a period of quarantine of at least 28 days in accommodation specifically approved for the purpose	
4.7.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (a)	Are only cloven-hoofed animals having at least the same health status present in the quarantine accommodation	
4.7.3.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (b)	Have the bulls belonged to a herd which is officially tuberculosis free and officially brucellosis free in accordance with Directive 64/432/EEC, prior to their stay in the quarantine accommodation	
4.8.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (c)	Do the bulls come from a herd officially free of enzootic bovine leukosis as defined in Directive 64/432/EEC	
4.8.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (c)	If no, have been produced by dams which have been subjected, with negative results, to a test carried out in accordance with Annex D to Directive 64/432/EEC after removal of the animals from their dam.	
4.9.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (d)	Have bulls been subjected, within the 28 days preceding the period of quarantine, to the tests mentioned in Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (d)	
4.10.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (e)	Have bulls been subjected, within the period of quarantine and at least 21 days after being admitted to quarantine, to the tests mentioned in Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 1 (e)	
4.11.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 3	Are the animals only admitted to the semen collection centre with the express permission of the centre veterinarian	
4.12.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 3	Are all the movements of animals, both in and out, recorded	
4.13.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter II Paragraph 1	Have all bovine animals kept at an approved semen collection centre been subjected at least once a year to the tests mentioned in Annex D Chapter II paragraph 1	
4.14.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex B Chapter I Paragraph 2 and Chapter II Paragraph 2	Have all the tests been carried out in a laboratory approved by the competent authority	