

UK Bovine Semen Storage Center (SSC)

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

Name and address of the semen storage 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 storage 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 storage 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 storage centres			
Number	Reference	Question	Y = Yes N = No
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	
2. Technical conditions to be applied for semen storage centres			
2.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 2 (a)	Is the centre placed under the supervision of a centre veterinarian	
2.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 2 (b)	Is the centre so constructed that contact with livestock outside is prevented	
2.3.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I Paragraph 2 (c)	Is the centre so constructed that the storage facilities can be readily clean and disinfected	
3. Health conditions to be applied for semen storage centre			
3.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (a)	Is the record kept for all movements of semen (in and out the centre) and of the status of the donor bulls whose semen is stored	
3.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (b)	Is the centre inspected at least twice a year by an official veterinarian	
3.3.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (c)	Is banned the entry of unauthorised persons	
3.3.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (c)	Is the movement of persons registered	
3.4.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (d)	Has the staff received suitable training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of diseases	
3.5.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) i	Does the stored semen come from approved semen collection centre	

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3.6.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) ii	Is semen storage carried out in premises set aside for these purposes	
3.7.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) iii	Are all utensils coming into contact with the semen properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use	
3.7.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) iii	If no, are only single-use utensils used which are discarded after use	
3.8.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) v	Had cryogenic agents been used previously for other products of animal origin	
3.9.1.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) iv	Are storage containers and transport containers either properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation	
3.9.2.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) iv	If no, are only single-use containers used that are discarded after use	
3.10.	88/407/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter II Paragraph 2 (e) vi	Is each individual dose of semen clearly marked showing data as follows:	
3.10.1.		date of collection	
3.10.2.		the breed	
3.10.3.		the identity of the donor animal	
3.10.4.		the approval number of the semen collection centre	
3.11.	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	