UK Ovine/Caprine Semen Collection Center (SCC)

This document is to be used for the inspection of ovine/caprine 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 12 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 92/65/EEC of an ovine/caprine[1] semen collection centre

Name and address of 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 ovine/caprine(1) semen collection centre detailed above has been inspected on the basis of the attached check-list and found in compliance with the requirements of Council Directive 92/65/EEC.**	
Name and address of the central competent authorities **I, the undersigned, certify that the ovine/caprine(1) semen collection centre detailed above complies with the animal health requirements for imports into the European Union of semen of animals of the ovine and caprine species laid down in Council Directive 92/65/EEC.**	
Approval Date: [*dd.mm.yyyy*]	
Approval Number assigned to the centre	

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Questionnaire for the approval of ovine/caprine[2] semen collection centres			
Number	**Reference**	**Question**	**Y = Yes N = No**
1. General criteria			
1.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 17 Paragraph 2 (a)	Is the third country or parts of the territory of third country listed in Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/472/EU for imports into the EU of semen of animals of the ovine and caprine species	
1.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 1 (measures equivalent)	Are the checks at origin carried out equivalent to the requirements laid down in Article 3 of Directive 90/425/EEC	
1.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 2	Are the rules on disease notification established in Directives 90/425/EEC and 92/65/EEC applied	
1.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 4 (measures equivalent)	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	
1.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 5	Does the competent authority have the legal power to carry out checks where it is suspected that the provisions governing semen collection centres have not been complied with or there is a doubt as for the health of the animals or the quality of semen	
1.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 12 Paragraph 6	Are administrative or penal measures available to penalize any infringement of the provisions governing semen collection centres in particular as for the certificates, state of animals, identification and marking of animals and semen and the control of animals and products concerned therefore	
1.7.	Is the centre approved for dual purposes (national and EU-approved)		
2. Technical conditions to be applied for semen collection centre			
2.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.1	Is the centre placed under the supervision of a centre veterinarian	
2.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.2 (a)	Has the centre lockable animal accommodation which is physically separated from the collection facilities, processing and storage, rooms	
2.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.2 (b)	Has the centre isolation facilities which have no direct communication with the normal animal accommodation	
2.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.2 (c)	Has the centre semen collection facilities, that may be open air, protected from adverse weather effects, with slip-proof flooring with protects from dramatic injury in case of fall, at and around the place of semen collection, without the prejudice to the requirements referred to in point 2.10.	
2.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.2 (d)	Has the centre a separate room for the cleansing and disinfection or sterilisation of equipment	

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2.7.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.2 (e)	Has the centre a semen processing room separated from the collection facilities	
2.8.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.2 (f)	Has the centre a semen storage room	
2.9.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.3	Is the centre so constructed or isolated that contact with outside livestock is prevented	
2.10.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (I), Point 1.4	Is the entire centre except the office rooms so constructed that it can be readily cleaned and disinfected	
2.11.		If not, can the outdoor accommodation facilities be quarantined for a sufficient time	
2.12.	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 EU requirements from the donor animals of other health status		
3. Health conditions to be applied for semen collection centre			
3.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.1 (a)	Are only ovine/caprine animals whose semen is to be collected kept on the centre	
3.1.1.		What other species are kept on the centre	
		Equidae	
		Cloven hoofed animals	
		Pet animals (dog, cat)	
3.1.2.		Is the centre veterinarian satisfied that the health status of other domestic animals on the centre sufficiently excludes risks pertaining to the animal health status of the ovine/caprine animals used for semen collection	
3.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.1 (b)	Is the entry of unauthorised persons prevented and are the authorised visitors required to comply with the conditions laid down by centre veterinarian	
3.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.1 (c)	Is only competent staff who have received adequate training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of disease employed by the centre	
3.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (a)	Are records kept on the centre which show:	
3.4.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (a)(i)	• the species, breed, date of birth and identification of each animal present in the centre	
3.4.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (a)(ii)	• any movement of animals entering or leaving the centre	
3.4.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.1 (a)(iii)	• the health history and the diagnostic tests and results thereof, treatments and vaccinations carried out on animals kept	
3.4.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (a)(iv)	• the date of collecting and processing semen	
3.4.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (a)(v)	• the destination of semen	

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3.4.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (a)(vi)	• the storage of semen	
3.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (b)	Were the animals kept on the centre used for natural breeding in the 30 days prior to first semen collection and during the collection period	
3.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (c)	Is semen collection, processing, storage carried out in premises set aside for these purposes	
3.7.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (d)	Are all instruments which come into contact with the semen or the donor animal during collection and processing properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use	
3.7.2.		If no, are only new and disposable utensils used which are discarded after use	
3.7.3.		Are the instruments and equipment for natural or artificial insemination strictly separated from instruments and equipment coming into contact with donor or other animals on the centre and the semen	
3.8.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (e)	Do products of animal origin such as diluents, additives or extenders used in the processing of the semen obtained from the sources which present no animal health risk or are so treated prior to use that such risk is prevented	
3.9.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (f)	Had cryogenic agents used for preservation or storage of semen been used previously for other products of animal origin	
3.10.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (g)	Are storage and transport containers properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation	
		If no, are only new and disposable receptacles used that are discarded after use	
3.11.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II), Point 1.2 (h)	Is each individual dose of semen indelibly identified showing data as follows:	
3.11.2.		state of origin	
3.11.3.		date of collection	
3.11.4.		the species	
3.11.5.		the breed	
3.11.6.		the identity of the donor animal	
3.12.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III (I), Point 1.1	Are antibiotics added to the diluents or semen	
3.13.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter III (I), Point 1.3 (b)	Is frozen semen stored in approved conditions for a minimum 30 days period prior to dispatch	
4. Health conditions to be applied to ovine/caprine in the semen collection centre			
4.1.		Number of rams in the centre:	
		Number of bucks in the centre:	

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4.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.1	Have they been kept in quarantine for a period of at least 28 days in accommodation specifically approved for the purpose by the competent authority, and where only animals having at least the same health status were present ('quarantine accommodation')	
4.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.2	Prior to their stay in the quarantine accommodation, have they belonged to an officially brucellosis-free ovine or caprine holding pursuant to Article 2 of Council Directive 91/68/EEC of 28 January 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals[3] and were not previously kept in a holding of a lower health status as regards brucellosis	
4.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.3	Do they come from a holding where during the 60 days prior to their stay in the quarantine accommodation they have undergone a serological test for contagious epididymitis (*B. ovis*) carried out in accordance with Annex D to Directive 91/68/EEC or any other test with an equivalent documented sensitivity and specificity	
4.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.4	Have they undergone the following tests carried out on a blood sample collected within the 28 days preceding the commencement of the period of quarantine specified in point 4.2., with negative results in each case, except for the test for Border disease referred to in point 4.5.3.2:	
4.5.1	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.4 (a)	for brucellosis (*B. melitensis*), a serological test carried out in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC;	
4.5.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.4 (b)	for contagious epididymitis (*B. ovis*), a serological test carried out in accordance with Annex D to Directive 91/68/EEC, or any other test with an equivalent documented sensitivity and specificity;	
4.5.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.4 (c)	for Border disease:	
4.5.3.1	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 1.4 (c)(i)	- a virus isolation test or a test for virus antigen, and	
4.5.3.2	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.4 (c)(ii)	- a serological test to determine the presence or absence of antibodies ('antibody test')	
4.6.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.5	Have they undergone the following tests carried out on samples taken during the period of quarantine specified in point 4.2., and at least 21 days after being admitted to the quarantine accommodation, with negative	

[3] OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19.

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4.6.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.5 (a)	• for brucellosis (*B. melitensis*), a serological test carried out in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC;	
4.6.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.5 (b)	• for contagious epididymitis (*B. ovis*), a serological test carried out in accordance with Annex D to Directive 91/68/EEC, or any other test with an equivalent documented sensitivity and specificity.	
4.7.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 1.6	Have they undergone the tests for Border disease referred in points 4.5.3.1 and 4.5.3.2 carried out on the blood samples taken during the period of quarantine specified in point 4.2., and at least 21 days after being admitted to the quarantine accommodation Was any animal (seronegative or seropositive) only allowed entry to the semen collection centre if no sero-conversion occurred in animals which tested seronegative before the day of entry into the quarantine accommodation	
4.7.2.		If sero-conversion occurred, have all animals that remain seronegative been kept in quarantine over a prolonged time, until there was no more sero-conversion in the group for a period of three weeks from the day the sero-conversion occurred Were serologically positive animals allowed entry into the semen collection centre subject to a negative result in a test referred in point 4.5.3.1	
4.8.1	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 2	Were all animals admitted to the semen collection centre with the express permission of the centre veterinarian	
4.8.2		Are all movements into and out of the semen collection centre being recorded.	
4.9.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 3, first indent	Did any animal admitted to the semen collection centre show any clinical sign of disease on the date of admission	
4.10.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 3, second indent	Have all animals, without prejudice to point 4 of Chapter II(II) of Annex D to Directive 92/65/EEC, come from quarantine accommodation, which on the day of dispatch of the animals to the semen collection centre complied with the following conditions:	
4.10.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 3(a)	was situated in an area in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease for the past 30 days within a 10 kilometre radius;	

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4.10.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 3(b)	for the past three months has been free from foot-and-mouth disease and brucellosis;	
4.10.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (II), Point 3(c)	for the past 30 days has been free from compulsory notifiable diseases as defined in Article 2(b)(6) of Directive 91/68/EEC:	
4.10.3.1.		- contagious agalactia of sheep or goats (*Mycoplasma agalactiae, Mycoplasma capricolum, Mycoplasma mycoides var. mycoides "*large colony"), within the last six months,	
4.10.3.2.		- paratuberculosis, within the last 12 months,	
4.10.3.3.		- caseous lymphadenitis, within the last 12 months,	
4.10.3.4.		- pulmonary adenomatosis, within the last three years; and	
4.10.3.5.		- Maedi/Visna for sheep or caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis for goats([1]), • within the last three years; • if not, within the last 12 months, and all the infected animals were slaughtered and remaining animals subsequently reacted negatively to two tests carried out at least six months apart.	
4.11.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 5(a)-(c)	Have all ovine and caprine animals kept at an approved semen collection centre been subjected at least once every calendar year to the following tests, with negative results: • brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC; • for contagious epididymitis (*B. ovis*) a serological test carried out in accordance with Annex D to Directive 91/68/EEC, or any other test with an equivalent documented sensitivity and specificity; • for Border disease, the antibody test referred to in point 4.5.3.2. applied only to seronegative animals.	
4.12.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 6	Have all tests referred to in this Questionnaire been carried out by an approved laboratory	
4.13.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 7	If any of the tests described in point 4.11. was positive, was the animal isolated and the semen collected from it since the date of the last negative test not subjected for trade	
4.13.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 7	Were the animal referred to in the first paragraph removed from the centre, except in the case of Border disease, in which case the animal was subjected with negative result to a test referred in point 4.5.3.1.	

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4.13.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 7	Was semen collected from all other animals at the semen collection centre since the date when the last sample was collected that gave a negative result in one of the tests described in point 4.11. were kept in separate storage and were not subjected for trade until the health status of the semen collection centre has been restored and the semen stored has undergone the appropriate official investigations to rule out the presence in the semen of pathogens causing diseases mentioned in point 5.	
4.14.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 8	Is semen being obtained from animals which:	
4.14.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 8 (a)	show no clinical signs of disease on the date the semen was collected	
4.14.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 8 (b)(i)-(ii)	have been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months prior to collection of the semen	
		If yes, have they been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease between 7 and 12 months prior to collection, and 5 % (with a minimum of five straws) of each collection have been submitted to a virus isolation test for foot-and-mouth disease with negative result	
4.14.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 8 (c)	have been kept at an approved semen collection centre for a continuous period of at least 30 days immediately prior to collection of the semen, in the case of collections of fresh semen	
4.14.4.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 8 (d)	meet the requirements laid down in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of Directive 91/68/EEC	
4.14.5.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter II (I), Point 8 (f)	have not been used for natural breeding during at least 30 days prior to the date of first semen collection and between the date of the first sample referred to in points 4.6. and 4.7. and until the end of the collection period	