

UK Ovine/Caprine Semen Storage Center (SSC)

This document is to be used for the inspection of ovine/caprine 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 92/65/EEC of an ovine/caprine¹ semen storage
centre**

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 92/65/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 92/65/EEC for imports into the Union of ovine and caprine semen.	
Approval Date: [dd.mm.yyyy]	
Approval Number assigned to the centre	

¹ delete as appropriate or insert "and" instead of "/" if the team approved for both species

Questionnaire for the approval of ovine/caprine² semen storage centre			
Number	Reference	Question	Y = Yes N = No
1. General criteria			
1.1	92/65/EEC Council Directive Article 17 Paragraph 2 (a) Commission Decision 2010/.../EU Annex I	Is the third country or parts of the territory of third country listed in Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/472/EU for export of ovine/caprine semen	
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 storage centres have not been complied with or there is a doubt as for 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 storage centres in particular as for the certificates and the control of products concerned therefore	
2. Technical conditions to be applied for semen storage centre			
2.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I (I) Paragraph 2 (b)	Is the centre placed under the permanent supervision of a centre veterinarian authorised by the competent authorities	
2.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I (I) Paragraph 2 (c)	Does the centre have a semen storage room furnished with the necessary installation to store the semen and./or the embryos which is so constructed that it protects those products and the installation from adverse weather and environment effects	
2.3.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I (I) Paragraph 2 (d)	Is the centre so constructed that contact with outside livestock or other animals is prevented	
2.4	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I (I) Paragraph 2 (e)	Is the centre so constructed that the entire centre, except the office rooms, can be readily clean and disinfected	
2.5	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex A Chapter I (I) Paragraph 2 (f)	Is the centre so constructed that unauthorised access of people is effectively prevented	
3. Health conditions to be applied for semen storage centre			
3.1.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.1 (a)	Is the status of the donor animals whose semen is stored at the centre in compliance with the requirements of Directive 92/65/EEC	

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3.2.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.1 (b)	Is the entry of unauthorised persons prevented and are the authorised visitors required to comply with the conditions laid down by the centre veterinarian	
3.3	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.1 (b)	Has the staff received adequate training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of disease	
3.4	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.1 (c)	Are records kept of all movement of semen entering and leaving the storage centre	
3.5	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.2 (a)	Does the stored semen come from approved semen collection or storage centers and is transported in conditions offering every possible health guarantee, having had no contact with semen not complying with Directive 92/65/EEC	
3.6	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.2 (b)	Is storage of semen carried out only on the premises set aside for the purpose and under strict conditions of hygiene	
3.7.1	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.2 (c)	Are procedures in place to ensure that all instruments which come into contact with the semen properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use	
3.7.2		If no, are only single-use instruments used which are discarded after use	
3.8.1	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.2 (d)	Are procedures in place to ensure that the storage containers and transport containers either properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation	
3.8.2		If no, are only single-use containers used that are discarded after use	
3.9	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.2 (e)	Are procedures in place to ensure that the cryogenic agents are not used previously for other products of animal origin	
3.10.	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I (II) Paragraph 2.2 (f)	Is each individual dose of semen clearly marked showing data as follows:	
3.10.1.		date of collection	
3.10.2		the species	
3.10.3		the breed	
3.10.4		the identification of the donor animal	
3.10.5		the approval number of the semen collection centre	
3.11	92/65/EEC Council Directive Annex D Chapter I(II) Paragraph 2.4	Is the centre inspected at least twice every calendar year by an official veterinarian in order to verify, where necessary based on records, standard operating procedures and internal audits, all matters relating to the conditions of approval, supervision and monitoring	