

**Model Veterinary Health Certificate for Importation of Equine Semen Into The United States
From Regions Free of 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:

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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 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, 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 in route other than those provided on the USDA APHIS health certificate.

The donor stallion:

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, while the donor stallion is in the semen collection center, and during semen collection 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.

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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;

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 _____