

מדינת ישראל
STATE OF ISRAEL
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
VETERINARY SERVICES AND ANIMAL HEALTH

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF FROZEN EQUINE SEMEN TO ISRAEL
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I. Identification

Name of donor stallion	Breed	No. of container	Date of collection	No. of portions

II. Origin

Place of birth _____
Date of entry (approval) into Artificial Insemination Center (A.I.C.) _____
Name and address of A.I.C. _____
Name and address of exporter: _____

III. Name and address of consignee :

Seal No. _____
Flight No. _____ Airway bill No. _____

IV. I, the undersigned USDA accredited veterinarian, hereby certify that:

- A. The United States is free from African Horse Sickness.
- B. The frozen semen, specified below, was derived from an APHIS approved equine collection center, which:
1. Is under permanent veterinary supervision of an USDA accredited veterinarian.
 2. The semen has been collected, processed and stored in accordance with Chapter 4.6 of the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code .
 3. The donor stallions were not used for natural breeding during a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of first semen collection, and between the dates of the first sample until the end of the collection period.
 4. In the United States, African horse sickness, vesicular stomatitis, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, infection with *Burkholderia mallei* (glanders), surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*), dourine (*Trypanosoma equiperdum*), equine infectious anaemia, infection with rabies virus, anthrax, infection with equine arteritis virus, and contagious equine metritis (*Taylorella equigenitalis*) are notifiable diseases.
 5. The United States and the donor stallion are free from African horse sickness immediately prior to collection of the semen and until its date of dispatch in accordance with Chapter 12.1 of the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
 6. Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis was not reported in the United States for a period of at least 24 months immediately prior to collection of the semen and until its date of dispatch.
 7. The donor stallion was kept since birth, or for the six months prior to collection of the semen, in the United States which has been free from dourine for not less than the past six months.
 8. At the time of semen collection no case of any contagious disease transmissible to equines was recorded in the A.I.C., including vesicular stomatitis.
- C. The semen specified below is intended for artificial reproduction and was obtain from stallions that have been subjected to the following tests with negative results in a laboratory approved by APHIS:
1. Which have passed, within 30 days prior to semen collection a negative immunodiffusion test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggin's test). Test date: _____
 2. In case that the United States is not free from dourine: The stallions were kept for the six months prior to collection of the semen in an establishment or artificial insemination centre where no case of dourine was reported during that period, and were subjected to CFT (complement fixation test) or PCR test for dourine with negative results, and the microscopic examination of the semen for dourine was negative.

3. For contagious equine metritis (CEM), the donor stallion was kept in a herd free from infection with *T. equigenitalis* according to WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code;

OR(1)

- a) The donor stallion was kept for at least 60 days prior to semen collection in a herd in which no case has been reported during that period; AND
- b) The donor stallion was subjected to tests for the detection of the agent, with negative results, carried out on samples collected on three occasions, within a 12-day period with an interval of no less than three (3) days between sample collections, the last one being carried out within 30 days prior to shipment. Horses have not been treated with antibiotics for at least 7 days nor subjected to antiseptic washing of genital mucous membranes for at least 21 days prior to the first sample collection, and have not been mated or inseminated after the first sampling.

The samples collected from the stallion on the following days: 1., 2., 3.

OR(1)

Aliquots of fresh semen were subjected to culture and a test for detection of nucleic acid of *T. equigenitalis* with negative results, carried out immediately prior to processing and on an aliquot of semen collected within 15-30 days after the first collection of the semen to be exported;

OR(1)

Aliquots of stored semen corresponding to the oldest and the most recent collection were subjected to culture and a test for detection of nucleic acid for *T. equigenitalis* with negative results.

4. For equine viral arteritis (EVA), the donor stallion was kept for the 28 days prior to collection of semen for export in an establishment where no equid has shown any clinical sign of EVA during that period and the donor stallion showed no clinical signs of EVA on the day of semen collection; AND EITHER
- a) The donor stallion was tested for EVA carried out on a blood sample taken not earlier than 14 days prior to semen collection and not later than 12 months after the collection of the semen for export, using a virus neutralisation test or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with a negative result.

OR(1)

- b) An aliquot of semen was tested using virus isolation or Real-time PCR with a negative result on semen collected immediately prior to processing or within 14 to 30 days after the first collection of the semen to be exported.

Date of the test _____

5. The semen is preserved by the addition of antibiotics as follows: The following antibiotic or mixture of antibiotics has been added to the semen after final dilution, or is contained in the used semen diluents, to reach the indicated concentration per ml of semen: a mixture of gentamicin (250 µg), tylosin (50 µg) and lincomycin-spectinomycin (150/300 µg); OR mixture of lincomycin-spectinomycin (150/300 µg), penicillin (500 IU) and streptomycin (500 µg); OR mixture of amikacin (75 µg) and divexacin (25 µg).

- D. The said semen is placed in straws or other packages on which the mark is applied and transported in a container which was sealed and numbered prior to the dispatch from the semen collection centre under responsibility of the centre USDA accredited veterinarian and the seal bears the number as indicated above.

Date _____

Name (in full) _____
(USDA Accredited Veterinarian)

Place _____

(Signed) _____
Official Seal