

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF OVINE/  
CAPRINE SEMEN FROM USA INTO NAMIBIA**

**Namibian Permit Number** ..... **Ref. Number** .....  
(consecutive serial number)

**Livestock Improvement Permit Number:** .....

**Issuing Authority:** USDA - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) .....

**Country of Origin:** THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**A. Description**

**Species:** .....

Breed	Identity/Name of Donor	Number of straws

**2. ORIGIN OF SEMEN**

2.1 Name of Approved Artificial Insemination Centre.....

2.2 Name and address of consignor . .....

Telephone Number ..... Email address .....

**3.0 Destination of semen**

3.1 Name and address of consignee .....

Telephone Number ..... Email address .....

**3.2 Farm Name and Number or Distributor**

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4. Means of transportation (road, air, sea ) .....  
(Name of ship, aircraft)

4.1 Description of transport vehicle (flight number, Registration number) .....

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**A COPY OF THIS PERMIT AND AN EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE MUST BE EMAILED TO THE STATE VETERINARIAN AT  
DESTINATION PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.**

## B. VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned USDA Accredited official Veterinarian, authorised thereto by the veterinary administration of the United States of America, certify the following:

1. The United States of America (USA) is free of FMD without vaccination, sheep and goat pox, PPR, CCPP and Rift Valley Fever, in accordance with the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
2. The donor animals were born or legally imported into the United States.
3. During the 12 months prior to collection, the states of origin of the donor animals have not reported/confirmed clinical cases of Caprine/Ovine brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*).
4. During the 12 months prior to collection, the farms of origin of the donor animals have been free of clinical cases of scrapie, maedi-visna, caprine arthritis/encephalitis, bluetongue, paratuberculosis, ovine epididymitis, and contagious agalactia.
5. The Donor animals:
  - 5.1 Have been continuously resident at the center concerned for a period of at least 30 days prior to the collection of the semen, during which time the animal(s) was not used for natural mating;
  - 5.2 Have been kept in Bluetongue virus free areas (centers) where for at least 60 days before commencement of, and during collection of the semen there have been no clinical cases of bluetongue;
  - 5.3 Showed no clinical signs of ovine/ caprine Brucellosis (excluding *Brucella ovis*) on the day of collection of the semen AND were subjected to 2 different diagnostic tests for Brucellosis on the same blood sample with negative results during the 30 days prior to collection (attach results).
  - 5.4 In the case of sheep, have been kept in an establishment or AI center free for Enzootic Abortion of Ewes (Chlamydia) during the past 2 years, and have not been in contact with animals of lower status; AND were subjected to a diagnostic test for EAE with negative results 2 – 3 weeks after collection of the semen.
  - 5.5 Were tested for Johnes disease using a PCR on feces or ELISA or AGID or complement fixation test prior to semen collection.
  - 5.6 Were tested for maedi-visna (ovine donors) or caprine arthritis and encephalitis (caprine donors) using AGID test or ELISA, 21 days prior to semen collection.
  - 5.7 Originate from farms where for the the 6 months prior to collection have been free of clinical cases of contagious agalactia; OR were tested for using conventional PCR or RT-PCR.
  - 5.8 The donor animals were in good health and did not show clinical signs if infectious or communicable diseases.
  - 5.9 In the case of sheep, showed no clinical sign of ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) on the day of collection of the semen; AND
    - a) Come from a sheep flock free from ovine epididymitis; AND
    - b) Were kept in the exporting country for the 60 days prior to collection, in an establishment or AI center where all animals are free form ovine epididymitis; AND
    - c) Were subject to the diagnostic tests for *Brucella ovis* with negative results during the 30 days prior to collection using CFT or ELISA.

**6. The semen:**

5.1 The semen was collected at an accredited AI center;

5.2 Was collected in such a manner as to avoid contamination with potentially pathogenic bacteria and representative samples tested for contamination using standardized methods;

5.3 Straws were sealed and securely stored for at least 30 days prior to shipment in receptacle which were cleansed, disinfected and sterilized before use code marked in accordance with international standards of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

5.4 Was preserved with .....(name of antibiotics and concentration)

6 The consignment was sealed under official supervision and the numbers/marks are:

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Done at ..... on .....(date)

Signature.....

**AUTHORISED VETERINARIAN**

**Official stamp**

Name in Print: .....

\* Delete where not applicable