

veterinary health certificate completed by a private veterinary surgeon who holds an appointment as a Local Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, within 36 hours prior to export to the effect that:

- (i) a written declaration has been received from the exporter that the pigeons (which must be identifiable as those described on the health certificate) had been on the exporter's premises throughout the 35 day period immediately preceding the date of export;
  - (ii) the pigeons for export together with all other birds on the exporter's premises were clinically inspected not more than 48 hours prior to the export and no clinical signs or symptoms of infectious or contagious disease were found and the pigeons to be exported were healthy and fit to travel;
  - (iii) after due enquiry, and to the best of the certifying veterinarian's knowledge and belief, no case of infectious or contagious disease has occurred on the exporter's premises during the 6 week period preceding the date of export;
  - (iv) after due enquiry, having examined the relevant loft vaccination certificate and to the best of the certifying veterinarian's knowledge and belief the pigeons identified in the schedule of the certificate are fully vaccinated against Paramyxovirus infection of pigeons using an officially approved inactivated vaccine in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's instructions.
2. The container in which the pigeon(s) is/are imported must be constructed so as to allow an Imports Inspector to check the numbers and breeds of pigeon(s) contained therein. The container must either be new or thoroughly cleansed and disinfected and be suitable for the purpose.
  3. The health certificate referred to in paragraph 1 above must be presented to an Imports Inspector of the Department immediately on arrival in Northern Ireland.
  4. The pigeon(s) must not be removed from the port/airport of disembarkation until checked by an Imports Inspector.
  5. The pigeon(s) must be moved direct from the port/airport of disembarkation to the premises of destination as shown on the health certificate referred to in paragraph 1 above.
  6. The importer must inform the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the premises of destination within 24 hours of importation or if importation is on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday, on the first working day thereafter.

This licence is valid until further notice or unless the licence is revoked by the Department.

This licence revokes licence number DANI/GEN/94/30 of 15th November, 1994.

Date: 21st January, 1998.

*C. McGarrigle*  
Officer of the Department of Agriculture  
for Northern Ireland.

*Licence No.: DANI/GEN/98/4*

GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE

The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in accordance with the terms of the above legislation hereby authorises the importation of:

Pigeons for Racing from Republic of Ireland

subject to the following conditions:

1. The importer must inform the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the premises of destination within 24 hours of importation or if importation is on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday, on the first working day thereafter.
2. The pigeons must have been fully vaccinated against paramyxovirus using an officially approved inactivated vaccine in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's instructions.

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Date: 21st January, 1998.

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GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE

The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in accordance with the terms of the above legislation hereby authorises the:

Re-importation of Poultry/Pigeon Transport Vehicles and/or Equipment returning to Northern Ireland

subject to the following condition:

1. Prior to returning to Northern Ireland the vehicle(s) and equipment must have been fully cleansed and disinfected with an approved iodophor type disinfectant after which the vehicle(s) and equipment must not be used for the carriage of poultry or poultry products.

This licence is valid until further notice or unless the licence is revoked by the Department.

Date: 21st January, 1998.

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THE ARTIFICIAL REPRODUCTION OF ANIMALS  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1975

*Licence No.: DANI/GEN/98/8*

GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE

The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, in accordance with the terms of the above legislation, hereby authorises the landing in Northern Ireland of:

Bovine Semen from Great Britain

subject to the following conditions

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THIS LICENCE

A. *For semen originating in Great Britain of Non EC-Status:*

1. Each consignment must be accompanied by a health certificate signed by a veterinary inspector authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The certificate must state:

- (a) information concerning the breed, date of birth, name and ear mark of the donor bull;
- (b) information concerning the date collected, number of ampoules/straws, identification marks and date codes on straws;
- (c) details of the origin of the semen;
- (d) details of the destination of the semen.

2. The certificate referred to at paragraph 1 above must certify that:

- (a) the semen was derived from a bull standing at an AI Centre which is under the permanent supervision of an authorised veterinary surgeon; and
- (b) EITHER

(i) *Centre Status for IBR*

during the 12 month period preceding the last collection of semen for export to Northern Ireland no bovine animal on the AI Centre gave a positive result to any routine pre-entry or post-entry tests for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis;

OR

(ii) *Bull Status for IBR*

2 blood samples were taken from the donor bull, the first not more than 6 months before the first