

collection of semen and the second not less than 21 days after the last collection of semen for export to Northern Ireland and sent to the Central Veterinary Laboratory Weybridge/Lasswade where they were submitted to the serum neutralisation test or enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis with negative results in each case;

OR

(iii) *Semen Status*

an aliquot of undiluted semen or processed semen from each collection of semen for export to Northern Ireland was subject to a virus isolation test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis with negative results; and

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(i) *Centre Status for EBL*

at regular 12 monthly intervals blood samples are taken from all cattle at the AI Centre and sent to the Central Veterinary Laboratory Weybridge/Lasswade where they are submitted to the agar gel immunodiffusion test for enzootic bovine leucosis with negative results;

OR

(ii) *Bull Status for EBL (Version 1)*

the donor bull was of EBL attested status in accordance with the MAFF Cattle Health Scheme at the time of the last collection of semen;

OR

(iii) *Bull Status for EBL (Version 2)*

not less than 4 months apart and the second test being not earlier than the last collection of semen for export to Northern Ireland, 2 blood samples were taken from the donor bull and sent to the Central Veterinary Laboratory Weybridge/Lasswade where they were submitted to the agar gel immunodiffusion test for enzootic bovine leucosis with negative results on each occasion;

(d) the semen was collected, processed and stored in accordance with the national rules applicable in Great Britain.

B. *For semen which originated in a Member State of the EC other than the United Kingdom and has been stored in Great Britain or semen which originated in Great Britain and which meets the requirements for Intra-Community Trade:*

3. For semen which has originated in Great Britain each consignment must be accompanied by the original health certificate in accordance with the terms of Council Directive 88/407/EEC (as amended), which must have been signed by a veterinary inspector authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

4. Where a consignment has been imported from a Member State and has been stored in Great Britain each consignment must be accompanied by

(a) a copy of the original health certificate in accordance with Directive 88/407 (as amended) which has been signed by an Official Veterinarian of the exporting Member State of dispatch; and

(b) a certificate signed by a veterinary inspector authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food stating that the semen was stored under veterinary supervision in approved premises in Great Britain and had not been stored in a flask with semen which could not be similarly certified.

C. *For semen originating in a Third Country approved by the EU to export to the Community which has been stored in Great Britain:*

5. Each consignment must be accompanied by

(a) a copy of the original health certificate, in accordance with the terms of Commission Decision 94/577/EC; and

(b) a certificate, signed by a veterinary inspector authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The certificate must state that the semen has been stored under veterinary supervision in approved premises in Great Britain and had not been stored in a flask with semen which could not be similarly certified.

D. *General – Applies to all categories of Bovine Semen.*

6. All semen must be consigned initially to a main store premises which is approved and licensed by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

7. Advance notification of arrival of the semen must be given to the local Divisional Veterinary Office 24 hours prior to importation.

8. During transport, the semen must not come into contact with semen not certified to the same health status.

9. Consignees shall ensure that all documents relating to consignments are retained for at least 12 months from the date of importation.

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

Date: 9th February, 1998.

S. Bowers,  
Officer of the Department of Agriculture  
for Northern Ireland.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (NORTHERN IRELAND)  
ORDER 1981

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS ORDER  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 1986

Licence No.: DAN/GEN/98/6

GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE

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

Cattle Returning from a Show/Sale in Great Britain

subject to the following conditions:

1. Landing must take place at the Port of Larne, Belfast Port or Ballycastle Harbour.

2. The animals must be accompanied by a copy of export certificate GB 1 and a valid health certificate, 4190 EHC, signed by a duly authorised veterinary officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

3. The animals must be returning from an EBL approved show/sale and must not have spent any time on non-approved premises.

4. Immediately after landing, the imported animals must be returned to the premises from which they were consigned in Northern Ireland as shown on the health certificate referred to in paragraph 2 above. Failure to do so is an offence and may result in prosecution action being taken.

5. The person in charge of the premises of the imported animals (at paragraph 4 above) must advise the local Divisional Veterinary Officer of their arrival not later than the next working day following importation.

6. Imported animals must be presented to an officer of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland for checking on the premises at 4 above, if required.

7. During transport, the imported animals must not come into contact with animals that are not certified to the same health status. The transport vehicle should be cleansed and disinfected before loading of the animals.

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

Date: 4th February, 1998.

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for Northern Ireland.