DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND RURAL AFFAIRS

**(DAERA)**

EXPORT OF EQUINE SEMEN TO EU MEMBER STATES FROMCONSIGNMENTS OF STOCKS OF SEMEN OF EQUINE ANIMALS COLLECTED, PROCESSED AND STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC AFTER 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND BEFORE 21 APRIL 2021, DISPATCHED AFTER 20 APRIL 2021 FROM THE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE WHERE THE SEMEN WAS COLLECTED (MODEL ‘EQUI-SEM-B- INTRA’)

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF AUTHORISED VETERINARY INSPECTORS**

**1. KEY DOCUMENTS**

The following key documents must be read and understood prior to completing and signing the Intra-trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) **EQUI-SEM-B-INTRA.**

* **Notes for Guidance of AVI** (This Document)
* Commission Regulation 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation 2020/686 (as amended)
* Council Directive 92/65/EEC
* Directive 2009/156
* Regulation 882/2004
* Commission Regulation 2020/2235
* ITAHC EQUI-SEM-B-INTRA
* Owner’s Declaration

**2. SCOPE**

Equine Semen for the purposes of intra community trade may only be consigned from an approved Equine Semen Collection Centre, or an approved Storage Premises. An Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) **(EQUI-SEM-B-INTRA)** must be used for the export after 21/04/2021 of equine semen collected, processed and stored after 30/09/2014 and before 21/04/2021 in accordance with Directive 95/65/EEC to another EU member state. A separate certificate must be used for each consignment of semen. The original certificate must accompany the consignment to the final place of destination.

**3**. **Completing Part I of ITAHC EQUI-SEM-B-INTRA Description of the consignment**

Chapter 2 of Regulation 2020/2235 provides guidance on completion Parts I of official health certificates for the movement of animals and products between member states.

A template of health certificate EQUI-SEM-B-INTRA can be obtained from the DAERA Internet or your local DAERA office providing guidance on completion of Parts I. & II of the ITAHC

Complete all of the sections of Part I required as per the template document.

I.30: Record:

* **Species** – Equus callabus
* **Subspecies/Category** - Equine
* **Identification number** – identification number of donor animals
* **type** – semen
* **Identification mark** – Identification mark on straw or package
* **the collection or production date**
* **Quantity** – Number of straws
* **Approval number semen collection centre**.

**4. Completing Part II of ITAHC Animal Health Attestation**

Collection and Storage of the Semen

The semen must have been collected, processed and stored under conditions which comply with the standards laid down in Commission Regulation 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation 2020/686(as amended). You can check that the Semen Collection / Storage Centre is approved by ensuring it appears on the lists of approved premises/establishments via the following links.

AHVLA List of approved Equine collection and Storage Centres

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/livestock-and-equine-semen-collection-approved-premises/equine-semen-collection-centres>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/livestock-and-equine-semen-collection-approved-premises/equine-semen-storage-centres>

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/livestock-and-equine-semen-semen-collection-sites>

The EU List

<https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live-animals-trade-imports/approved-establishments-veterinary_en>

If you wish you could keep a dated print out from one of these websites for your records.

If you are the “Centre Veterinarian” responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will be able to certify paragraph II.1 from your own knowledge. If you are **not** the “Centre Veterinarian” responsible for the supervision of the Collection Centre you will require a Veterinary Support Certificate from the “Centre Veterinarian” certifying that the semen meets the requirements of this paragraph

* In relation to country / holding disease freedom of notifiable diseases, this can be certified on the basis of a Veterinary Support Certificate (VSSPT) obtained from your local DAERA Direct Office –and **date of donor admission** to collection centre when requesting this. African Horse Sickness, Anthrax, Contagious Equine metritis, Dourine, Glanders, Equine Arteritis Virus, Equine Infectious Anaemia, Rabies, Equine Encephalomyelitis, Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis and Vesicular Stomatitis, are all notifiable.
* Points II.1, II.2, II.3 can be certified on the basis of checking the Approved list, Owner’s Declaration, VSSPT, the incoming veterinary certificate which certify these points and from your own knowledge if you are the “Centre Veterinarian” or on a Veterinary Support Certificate form the “Centre Veterinarian” if you are not.
* Points II.4 & II.5 can be certified based Owner’s Declaration and on your own knowledge if you are the “Centre Veterinarian” or on a Veterinary Support Certificate from the “Centre Veterinarian” if you are not.

Semen Transport Containers

If you are the Centre Veterinarian this may be certified based on an Owner’s Declaration attesting to compliance with this point as outlined in Annex C of 90/429 EEC, and your own knowledge. If you are not the Centre Veterinarian this may be certified based on an Owner’s Declaration and a Veterinary Support Certificate from the “Centre Veterinarian”.

**4. Notification by AVI on TRACES of Completion and Signature / Amendment of the ITAHC**

In order to meet the requirement for notification of germplasm to other Member States, AVIs must confirm completion and issue of the health certificate on the TRACES system **immediately following signature of the ITAHC**.

**5. Cancellation or Changes to the Consignment Details Following Certification**

If the consignment is cancelled, its date/time of departure has changed significantly, a different vehicle is used, the AVI must send a replacement TRACES message giving details of the changes.

**6. Retention of Support Documentation**

All support documentation should be retained for 2 years by the certifying AVI. In addition a **TRUE** (i.e. carbon photo or scanned) copy of the completed export health certificate must be retained for 2 years.

Useful links:

2020/686

[EUR-Lex - 02020R0686-20210421 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02020R0686-20210421&qid=1628507511485)