

CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CANINE/FELINE SEMEN INTO GREAT BRITAIN FROM A NON-RABIES FREE COUNTRY

1. The donor animal must be permanently identifiable by a method or system approved by the Government of the country of export.
2. The semen may not be despatched from the exporting country until 6 months after the completion of collection from the donor animal.
3. The semen must be accompanied by a certificate signed by an authorised veterinary officer of the Government giving a full description of the donor animal, including the identification mark, the name and address of the owner, the address of the premises at which the semen was collected and the date on which the semen was collected and stating that:-
 - (a) no case of rabies was confirmed on the premises of which the donor animal was kept during the 12 months preceding collection of the semen and also during the period between semen collection and its exportation;
 - (b) the donor animal was not subject to any quarantine restrictions imposed by the veterinary authorities of the exporting country and that it had not been out of the exporting country during the 12 months preceding collection of the semen;
 - (c) the donor animal had not been vaccinated against rabies with a live vaccine during the 6 months preceding collection of the semen;
 - (d) the donor animal was subjected to veterinary examination immediately before and again 6 months after the collection of the semen and on each occasion showed no clinical signs of any infectious diseases including rabies.
4. The semen must be consigned in sealed ampoules or straws; each ampoule or straw must be permanently identified and the identification mark of each noted on the veterinary certificate.
5. The sealed ampoules or straws must be kept in a container which is unused or sterile and which does not contain other semen that does not meet the same standards.
6. Storage must take place on premises in which no animals are present and on which no cases of rabies have been confirmed during the preceding 12 months. The storage premises must be approved by, and under the supervision of an authorised veterinary officer of the Government.
7. The sealed ampoules or straws containing the semen must be securely packed in a container; on arrival at the destination address any wrapping must be incinerated and all non disposal items must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.
8. The semen consignment must be transported directly from the exporting country to Great Britain and delivered only to the person to whom the licence is issued.
9. On receipt of the semen in Great Britain the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (address as below) must be notified immediately in writing giving

the address of the premises at which the semen is to be stored. The notification must be accompanied by the owner's declaration and certificate signed by an authorised veterinary officer of the Government.

10. Licences will be valid for 8 months from the date of issue unless previously revoked.

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