

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTATION OF EQUINE SEMEN INTO KENYA

The Director of Veterinary Services, Kenya, requires the presentation of an International Veterinary Certificate attesting to the following:

Conditions for the donor animals/ establishment

A. That the donor animals:

1. Showed no clinical sign of African Horse Sickness (AHS) on the day of collection of the semen and for the following 40 days;
2. Had not been immunized against AHS with a live attenuated vaccine within 40 days prior to the day of collection;
3. Were either:
 - a. Kept in an AHS Virus (AHSV) free country or free zone or from an AHSV seasonally free zone (during the seasonally free period) for at least 40 days before commencement of and during collection of the semen, or
 - b. Kept in an AHSV free vector-proof Artificial Insemination Center throughout the collection period and subjected to either:
 - i. a serological test according to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code to detect antibody to the AHSV group, carried out with a negative result on a blood sample collected at least 28 days and not more than 90 days after the last collection of semen; or
 - ii. Agent identification tests according to the Terrestrial Animal Health Code carried out with negative results on blood samples collected at commencement and conclusion of, and at least every seven days, during semen collection for this consignment.

B. That the donor animals:

1. Were kept since birth or for the six months prior to collection of the semen, in a country which has been free from dourine for not less than the past six months;

Or

2. The donor animals:

- a. Were kept for the six months prior to collection of the semen in an establishment or Artificial Insemination Center where no case of dourine was reported during that period;
- b. Were subjected to a diagnostic test for dourine with negative results.

C. That the donor animals:

1. Were kept for the 28 days prior to semen collection in an establishment where no equine has shown any clinical sign of Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) during that period and showed no clinical sign of EVA on the day of semen collection; and
 - a. Were subjected between six and nine months of age to a test for EVA as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on two blood samples collected at least 14 days apart with a stable or decreasing titre, immediately vaccinated for EVA and regularly revaccinated according to the manufacturer's instructions; or
 - b. Were isolated and not earlier than seven days of commencing isolation were subjected to a test for EVA as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on a blood sample with negative results, immediately vaccinated for EVA, kept for 21 days following vaccination separated from other equidae and regularly revaccinated according to the manufacturer's instructions; or
 - c. Were subjected to a test for EVA as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on a blood sample with negative results within 14 days prior to semen collection, and had been separated from other equidae not of an equivalent EVA status for 14 days prior to blood sampling until the end of semen collection; or
 - d. Have been subjected to a test for EVA as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code carried out on a blood sample with negative results and then:
 - a. Were subsequently test mated to two mares within six months prior to semen collection, which were subjected to two tests for EVA as prescribed in the

Terrestrial Animal Health Code with negative results on blood samples collected at the time of test mating and again 28 days after the test mating; or

- b. Were subjected to a test for equine arteritis virus as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code with negative results, carried out on semen collected within six months prior to collection of the semen to be exported; or
- c. Were subjected to a test for equine arteritis virus as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code with negative results, carried out on semen collected within six months after the blood sample was tested, then immediately vaccinated, and revaccinated regularly; or
- d. To a test for EVA as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code carried out on a blood sample taken not earlier than 14 days and not later than 12 months after the collection of the semen for export.

D. That the donor animals:

1. Were subjected with negative results, together with any teaser mares used, to a bacteriological culture test for Contagious Equine Metritis, on two occasions no fewer than 7 days apart, as prescribed in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 2.5.2.

E. Endorsed copies of laboratory reports for all tests done must be attached to the health certificate.

General Conditions

1. Each semen straw must have been identified with the name and identification number of the donor animal and the date of collection.
2. The semen must be packed hygienically and under adequate Liquid Nitrogen in containers which were cleaned and disinfected under a veterinary surgeon's supervision.
3. The semen must be consigned by Air through the fastest route possible and the details of arrival of the consignment communicated in good time.

4. On arrival of the consignment the consignee shall report to the Director of Veterinary Services (Breeding Section) whose officers shall accompany him/her to the airport to clear the consignment through customs and inspect the documents. If the Director of Veterinary Services is not satisfied with the fulfillment of the requirements the semen may be ordered re-exported or destroyed at the expense of the importer. Sample straws of the semen may be required to be examined for viability. If the Director of Veterinary Services is not satisfied with the viability the semen may be destroyed at the expense of the importer.

5. No semen shall be distributed or sold except under the Authority of the Director of Veterinary Services and in accordance with such conditions as may be attached thereto. Any person who imports, distributes or sells animal semen/ embryos without having first obtained a permit to do so or who imports, distributes or sells animal semen/embryos in breach of any condition attached to his/her permit is guilty of an offence.

6. A copy of the import permit must accompany the consignment and be presented to an officer of this department at the airport.

7. Permits are valid for one consignment only and for a specified period.
