

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

### ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981

#### *The Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980 (as amended)*

#### *The Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1992*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by this licence issued under the terms of Article 3 of the Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980 (as amended), authorises the importation into England, in accordance with the conditions set out below:

Frozen bovine embryos from Austria, Australia, Canada, Czech and Slovak Republics, Finland, Hungary, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, at an approved border inspection post in England until further notice or unless varied or revoked by the Minister.

This licence comes into force on 17th January 1994.

England General Import Licences Nos. USA/EOS/93/1 and CAN/EOS/93/1 dated 24th August 1993 are hereby revoked.

*K. J. Cross*, Officer of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

#### *Conditions for the importation under general licence of bovine embryos from specified third countries collected and processed on or after 2nd September 1992.*

1. All landings of embryos must be in accordance with the Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980 (as amended), The Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1992 and with the following provisions of this licence.
2. Each consignment of embryos must be accompanied at all times by an animal health certificate in accordance with Commission Decision 92/471/EEC, Annex A, Part 1, or in the case of Australia, Annex B, Part 1 (published in Official Journal No. L270/27 of 15th September 1992), which must be signed by an official veterinarian of the veterinary authority in the country of origin, consist of a single form and be made out to a single consignee.
3. All certification must state that the country of origin "has been free from foot and mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to the collection of the embryos to be exported and does not practice vaccination against it".
4. Embryos for trade must be transported in satisfactory hygienic conditions in containers sealed in the presence of the certifying officer from the approved storage premises until their arrival at their destination. The containers must be marked in such a way that the number coincides with the number on the animal health certificate.
5. The flask shall be clearly marked with the name and address of the dispatching collection centre and the number(s) of the animal health certificate(s) referred to at para. 2 above.

#### NOTES

(i) Council Directive 90/675 EEC (as amended) requires that animal products or products of animal origin may be imported into the European Community from a non-EC country *only* through an approved border inspection post and undergo veterinary checks before being permitted entry to the Community. Importers must give at least one working day's advance notice, in writing, of the anticipated date of arrival of the consignment to the official veterinarian of the border inspection post through which the consignment is to be imported. This Directive has been implemented in Great Britain by the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1992. Importers are advised to familiarise themselves with the obligations the Regulations place on them. Information Note No. 1 (TIS/1) issued by the Ministry summarises the rules. Copies of TIS/1 may be obtained on request, from the address below.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Animal Health (International Trade) Division, Room 26, Block C, Hook Rise South, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7NF.

(ii) On arrival at the border inspection post the health certificate must be presented to the veterinary inspection staff. The health certificate will be retained at the border inspection post and the veterinary inspection staff will provide a border crossing certificate confirming that the veterinary checks have been carried out and an authenticated copy of the original health certificate. Both documents must accompany the embryos to their place of destination and should be retained for a minimum period of 12 months for presentation to the Ministry on request.

(iii) Any expressions used in this licence have the same meaning which they bear in the Animal Health Act 1981.

(iv) This licence applies only to consignments of bovine embryos collected and processed in accordance with the relevant Commission Decision on or after the date laid down therein. Embryos covered by this licence must *not* be consigned in the same flask or container as embryos which were not collected and processed in conformity with the appropriate Commission Decision since this will invalidate the health status of embryos collected to EC standards and render them ineligible for intra-Community trade subsequent to their importation into Great Britain.

(v) Mixed consignments containing embryos of differing animal health status are not permitted to be imported under this licence. Importers are advised to apply to the Ministry at the above address for an individual licence covering the import of such mixed consignments or of consignments consisting solely of embryos collected and processed before the appropriate date laid down in the relevant Commission Decision.

(vi) \*N.B. This licence does not provide any exemption from the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Animal Health) (England and Wales) Regulations 1985 or the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Animal Health) (Scotland) Regulations 1985. (4 SI)

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

### ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE ACT 1984

#### *The Importation of Bovine Semen Regulations 1984 (as amended) The Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1992*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by this licence issued under the terms of Article 3 of the Importation of Bovine Semen Regulations 1984 (as amended), authorises the importation into England, in accordance with the conditions set out below:

Frozen bovine semen from Austria, Canada, Czech and Slovak Republics, Finland, Hungary, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, at an approved border inspection post in England until further notice or unless varied or revoked by the Minister.

This licence comes into force on 17th January 1994.

England General Import Licences Nos. USA/SEM/93/1 and CAN/SEM/93/1 dated 24th August 1993 are hereby revoked.

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#### *Conditions for the importation under general licence of frozen bovine semen from specified third countries*

1. All landings of semen must be in accordance with the provisions of the Importation of Bovine Semen Regulations 1984 (as amended), The Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1992 and with the following provisions of this licence.
2. Each consignment of semen imported into Great Britain from any of the countries listed below, must comply with the animal health conditions laid down in the respective Commission Decision. Each consignment must be accompanied at all times by an animal health certificate in accordance with the respective Commission Decision and which must be signed by an official veterinarian of the veterinary authority in the country of origin, consist of a single form and be made out to a single consignee.

*Austria*—semen collected and processed on or after 24th January 1992 in accordance with Commission Decision 92/126/EEC (published in Official Journal No. L48/28 of 22nd February 1992).

*Canada*—semen collected and processed on or after 20th September 1991 in accordance with Commission Decision 92/549/EEC (published in Official Journal No. L298/6 of 29th October 1992).

*Czech and Slovak Republics*—semen collected and processed on or after 13th July 1992 in accordance with Commission Decision 92/445/EEC (published in Official Journal No. L247/1 of 27th August 1992).

*Finland*—semen collected and processed on or after 24th January 1992 in accordance with Commission Decision 92/124/EEC (published in Official Journal No. L48/10 of 22nd February 1992).

*Hungary*—semen collected and processed on or after 24th June 1992 in accordance with Commission Decision 92/386/EEC (published in Official Journal No. L204/13 of 21st July 1992).