



## **BICON VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FROZEN CANINE SEMEN**

These requirements cover the import of frozen canine semen from:

- New Zealand
- All other countries approved by the Australian Government

An import permit will not be required if these requirements can be met in full.

Full details, including veterinary health certification templates, are available through the through the Department's Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) at:

<https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/biconweb4.0>

### **Import conditions**

#### ***General***

A veterinary health certificate must accompany each consignment; a separate veterinary certificate must be prepared for each donor. The veterinary health certificate must:

- be written in English, and a language understood by the Official Government Veterinarian of the country of export; and
- name the country of export (country of residence of all donors); and
- name the certifying Ministry / Department; and
- meet all requirements as outlined by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

An Official Government Veterinarian must complete and sign the veterinary health certificate.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources will accept copies of documents where each page bears the original signature, date and stamp of the Official Government Veterinarian.]

Any corrections made to the Veterinary Health Certificate must be struck through, remain legible and be signed and stamped by the Official Government Veterinarian (Note: Correction fluid must not be used).

#### ***New Zealand***

The veterinary certificate must be completed for each donor animal and include the following information:

- Breed
- Microchip number
- Date/s of semen collection
- Number of straws/cryovials in this consignment
- Straw/cryovial identification

The veterinary certificate must include the following statements:

1. I am satisfied by veterinary or council registration records and due enquiry that, at the time of collection, the donor animal(s) were resident in New Zealand and not under quarantine restriction.

2. I certify that New Zealand is free from rabies.
3. Canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*), leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola*) and indigenous cases of, and established populations of competent vectors for, leishmaniasis (*Leishmania infantum*) have not been confirmed in New Zealand during the 12 months prior to the date of semen collection.
4. The donor dog must have been continuously resident in New Zealand since birth or since it was imported from Australia. If the dog has not lived all of its life in New Zealand or has not resided only in New Zealand since import from Australia, the following evidence of testing must be presented to the MPI approved veterinarian:
  - a. negative test (an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)) result for *Leishmania infantum* on a blood sample collected between 30 and 45 days following the last collection of semen in the export consignment.
5. A NZMPI Approved Veterinarian examined the donor animal on the day of semen collection and found him to be healthy and free from venereal disease.
6. An Approved Veterinarian collected, or supervised the collection of, the semen from this donor.
7. The semen must be processed in either straw or pellet\* form and be packaged and identifiable by clearly legible markings, as follows:
  - a. Microchip number of the donor animal (from 1 August 2016); and
  - b. Name and breed of the donor animal; and
  - c. Date of semen collection from the donor animal.

\*pellets must be packaged in cryovials suitable for maintaining the product's integrity during storage and transport. The cryovial must be indelibly marked with a unique identification code, referenced on the veterinary certificate, to enable identification of semen.
8. The shipping container was
  - a. new; or
  - b. Prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected with one of the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, Virkon at manufacturers recommended rate or irradiated at 50kGray.
9. Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the shipping container.
10. The semen was stored under the supervision of an Approved Veterinarian until sealed for export with a tamper evident seal.

***All other countries approved by the Australian Government***

All other countries approved by the Australian Government for the import of frozen canine semen are listed below:

American Samoa; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Aruba; Austria; Bahamas; Bahrain; Barbados; Belgium; Bermuda; Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Canada; Cayman Islands; Chile; Christmas Islands; Cook Islands; Croatia; Curacao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark;

Falkland Islands (Malvinas); Fiji; Finland; France; French Polynesia; Germany; Gibraltar; Greece; Greenland; Guam; Guernsey; Hong Kong; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Isle of Man; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jersey; Kiribati; Korea, Republic of; Kuwait; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Luxembourg; Macau; Malaysia (Excl. Federal Territory of Labuan); Malta; Mauritius; Micronesia, Federated States of; Monaco; Montenegro; Nauru; Netherlands; New Caledonia; Niue; North Mariana Islands (Saipan only); Norway; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Poland; Portugal; Puerto Rico; Qatar; Reunion; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Serbia; Seychelles; Singapore; Sint Maarten; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Taiwan; Tonga; Trinidad & Tobago; Tuvalu; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States; Uruguay; Vanuatu; Virgin Islands, British; Virgin Islands, U.S; Wallis & Futuna Islands

The following information must be provided for each donor on the veterinary health certificate:

- Breed
- Microchip number
- Date/s of semen collection/s
- Number of straws/cryovials in this consignment
- Straw/cryovial identification
- Dates of clinical examinations, sampling for tests required, type of test used, test results.

The veterinary certificate must include the following statements:

1. Between the first and last semen collection for this consignment, the donor must be resident in an approved country (Group 1, Group 2 or Group 3 on the approved country list) and must not be under quarantine restriction.
2. The donor dog must be tested with a negative result for *Brucella canis* using either a rapid slide agglutination test, a tube agglutination test or indirect fluorescent antibody test, on a blood sample collected between 30 and 45 days following the last collection of semen in the export consignment.
3. The donor dog must be tested with a negative result for *Leishmania infantum* using either indirect fluorescent antibody test or enzyme linked immunosorbent assay, on a blood sample collected between 30 and 45 days following the last collection of semen in the export consignment.
4. a. The donor dog must be tested with a negative result (less than 50% agglutination) at a serum dilution of 1:100 using a microscopic agglutination test for *Leptospira interrogans sv. Canicola*, on a blood sample collected between 30 and 45 days following the last collection of semen in the export consignment; or  
  
b. be fully vaccinated against *Leptospira interrogans sv. Canicola* at least 14 days before the first collection of semen in the export consignment and the vaccination must be current at the time of the last collection of semen in the export consignment.
5. The donor must be examined by a Government approved veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian and found to be healthy and free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease (including venereally transmitted disease), on each day of semen collection for this export consignment and again between 30 and 45 days after the date of the last collection of semen in this export consignment.

6. All semen collection for this export consignment must be conducted by a Government Approved Veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian.
7. The semen must be processed in either straw or pellet\* form and be packaged and identifiable by clearly legible markings, as follows:
  - a. Microchip number of the donor animal; and
  - b. Species and breed of the donor animal; and
  - c. Date of semen collection from the donor animal.

\*pellets must be packaged in cryovials suitable for maintaining the product's integrity during storage and transport. The cryovial must be indelibly marked with a unique identification code, referenced on the veterinary certificate, to enable identification of semen.
8. The shipping container was
  - a. new; or
  - b. Prior to loading, the shipper was emptied and inspected and any loose straws removed. The shipper, including all surfaces contacting the straws, was disinfected with one of the following disinfectants: 2% available chlorine, Virkon at manufacturers recommended rate or irradiated at 50kGray.
9. Only new liquid nitrogen was added to the shipping container.
10. a. All semen in the export consignment must be stored in containers with no other biological material other than semen of equivalent health status from the date of collection until export; and  
  
b. A Government Approved Veterinarian or Official Government Veterinarian must supervise the storage of semen from collection until the tank is sealed for export.
11. The shipping container must be sealed with an official government seal and the Official Government Veterinarian must record the official seal number on the veterinary health certificate.
12. a. All donor treatments, collection of specimens and examinations must be conducted in an approved country by an Official Government Veterinarian or a Government Approved Veterinarian; and  
  
b. All donor testing must be conducted in an approved country and in a laboratory recognised by the competent authority of the country of export. All laboratory reports must be in English and contain the microchip number stated on the Veterinary Health Certificate and the date of blood sample collection for testing; and  
  
c. A separate Veterinary Health Certificate must be provided for each donor in this export consignment; and  
  
d. An Official Government Veterinarian must sign, date and stamp (with the stamp of the Competent Authority of the country of export) each page of the Veterinary Health Certificate. All documents e.g. laboratory reports which form part of the extended health certification must be signed by an Official Government Veterinarian and stamped with the stamp of the competent authority in the country of export.