

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE
EXPORT OF OVINE SEMEN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

SECTION I

- i) **Country of origin:** CANADA
- ii) **Issuing Authority:** CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY
- iii) **Name of Consignor:** _____
Address: _____

- iv) **Name of Consignee:** _____
Address: _____

SECTION II

- i) **Name of A.I. Centre (where semen collected):** _____
Approval Number: _____
Address: _____

SECTION III - Health Certification

I, the undersigned Official Veterinarian duly authorized by the Government of Canada, hereby certify that:

1. The semen was collected from a ram maintained in an artificial insemination centre which is under official veterinary control.
2. At the time of the collection of the semen, the donor ram was found to be healthy and free of evidence of communicable disease.
3. As far as it has been possible to determine, the donor ram has not been exposed to any communicable diseases during the sixty (60) days immediately preceding the collection of the semen.
4. The donor animals:
 - a) Are permanently identified, to enable traceback to their establishment of origin;
 - b) Have been kept since birth in establishments in which no case of scrapie had been confirmed during their residency;
 - c) Neither showed clinical signs of scrapie at the time of semen collection nor developed scrapie between the time of semen collection and the export of semen to the United States;
 - d) The dam of the semen donor is not, nor was not, affected with scrapie.
5. In the region where the semen originates;
 - a) Scrapie is a compulsorily notifiable disease;
 - b) An effective surveillance and monitoring system for scrapie is in place;
 - c) Affected sheep and goats are slaughtered and completely destroyed;
 - d) The feeding of sheep and goats with meat-and-bone meal or greaves derived from ruminants has been banned and the ban effectively enforced in the whole region.
6. The semen production centre is officially free of tuberculosis and brucellosis with dates of the last herd test conducted prior to the collection of the semen shown as follows:
 - a) Tuberculosis _____
 - b) Brucellosis _____ with tests
performed at _____ (name of federal laboratory.)

REFERENCE NUMBER: _____

7. The donor ram described above and all other animals maintained at the semen production centre were subjected to testing for the following diseases with negative results within the six (6) months preceding collection of the semen:
 - a) tuberculosis - intradermal test with bovine PPD tuberculin;
 - b) ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) - CF;
 - c) brucellosis - FPA or other test approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) at the time of semen collection;
 - d) leptospirosis - agglutination lysis test for *L. pomona* and *L. sejroe*;
 - e) paratuberculosis - agar gel immunodiffusion or ELISA test;
 - f) Maedi-Visna (caprine arthritis encephalitis) - ELISA.
8. All health tests referred to in this certificate were conducted by Veterinary Officers of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and all diagnostic tests were performed at approved laboratories.

SECTION IV -Donors Identification

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Total number of straws in consignment: _____

Markings on approved seal placed on shipping containers: _____

Signature of Official Veterinarian

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

Official Export Stamp

Official Veterinarian (block letters)
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Address:

NOTE: Semen originating in regions other than Australia and New Zealand is to be transferred to females in a flock that is listed in the Scrapie National Database as part of the Scrapie Program in the United States. Imported semen may be further distributed to any other listed flock with written notification to APHIS Veterinary Services area office.