

Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Porcine Semen from a Member State of the European Union in the APHIS-defined European Classical Swine Fever (CSF) Region ¹ to the United States				
Competent Authority ² :		Date of Issue (mm/dd/yyyy):	Certificate Number:	TRACES Reference Number:
Part I: CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION				
1. Exporting Country and ISO Code:		2. Destination Country and ISO Code:		
3. Name and Address of the Consignor:		4. Name and Address of Consignee:		
5. Semen Collection Center (SCC) of Origin: Name: Address: Approval Number:		6. SCC of Dispatch (if different than Box 5): ³ Name: Address: Approval Number:		
7. Port of Embarkation:		8. Means of Transport:		
9. U.S. Port of Entry:		10. Total Quantity:		
11. Seal number(s) ⁴ :				
12. Description of the Commodity				
12.1 Donor Identification ⁵	12.2 Species	12.3 Breed	12.4 Date(s) of collection (mm/dd/yyyy)	12.5 Quantity ⁶

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Part II: CERTIFICATIONS			
Section A (to be signed by the center veterinarian⁷ responsible for semen collection)			
I, the undersigned center veterinarian⁷ responsible for semen collection, certify that: 1. Since birth or within the 12 months prior to collection, there was no clinical or pathological evidence of tuberculosis, brucellosis or Aujeszky's disease found in the donor swine or any other animals in contact with them. 2. During the 60 days prior to collection: 2.1 All swine resident in the SCC have been isolated as a group, without further additions, in a SCC approved by the Competent Authority² 2.2 AND The donor swine, as far as can be determined, were not exposed to contagious or communicable disease of swine 2.3 AND The donor swine were not held with other animals of lesser animal health status than described in this certificate or with animals under any restrictions which would make them ineligible for export to the United States. 3. The donor swine were inspected by the center veterinarian⁷ within 24 hours prior to collection and the donor swine were found to be free of clinical evidence of contagious or communicable disease. 4. Tuberculosis: 4.1 EITHER³ the donor swine were resident in the SCC for less than 12 months and were subjected to the following test within the 60 days prior to collection at least once with negative results⁸: 4.2 Tuberculosis⁸: an intradermal tuberculin test with animals injected with 0.1 mL of PPD <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> tuberculin. The injection site was visually observed and palpated 48 hours (plus or minus 6 hours) following injection. Date of most recent test prior to semen collection: _____ 4.3 OR³ the donor swine were resident in the SCC for at least 12 months and were subjected to the following tests performed annually at least once with negative results⁸: 4.4 Tuberculosis⁸: an intradermal tuberculin test with animals injected with 0.1 mL of PPD <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> tuberculin. The injection site was visually observed and palpated 48 hours (plus or minus 6 hours) following injection. Date of most recent test prior to semen collection: _____ 5. The donor swine were resident in the SCC: 5.1 EITHER³ for less than 12 months and were subjected to the following tests within the 60 days prior to collection at a laboratory approved by the Competent Authority² at least once with negative results⁸: 5.1.1 Brucellosis⁸: 5.1.1.1 EITHER³ buffered <i>Brucella</i> antigen card test 5.1.1.2 OR³ Rose Bengal test 5.1.1.3 OR³ buffered plate agglutination test 5.1.1.4 OR³ indirect ELISA test 5.1.1.5 OR³ competitive ELISA test Date of most recent test prior to semen collection: _____			

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5.1.2 Aujeszky's disease⁸:

5.1.2.1 **EITHER³** serum neutralisation test at a dilution of 1:4

5.1.2.2 **OR³** an ELISA test using all the Aujeszky's disease viral antigens in the case of non-vaccinated-swine

5.1.2.3 **OR³** an ELISA test for the Aujeszky's disease g1 (gE) antigens in the case of swine vaccinated with a g1 (gE) deleted vaccine.

Date of most recent test prior to semen collection: _____

5.2 **OR³** for at least 12 months and were subjected to the following tests performed annually at a laboratory approved by the Competent Authority² at least once with negative results⁸:

5.2.1 Brucellosis⁸:

5.2.1.1 **EITHER³** buffered *Brucella* antigen card test

5.2.1.2 **OR³** Rose Bengal test

5.2.1.3 **OR³** buffered plate agglutination test

5.2.1.4 **OR³** indirect ELISA test

5.2.1.5 **OR³** competitive ELISA test

Date of most recent test prior to semen collection: _____

5.2.2 Aujeszky's disease⁸:

5.2.2.1 **EITHER³** serum neutralisation test at a dilution of 1:4

5.2.2.2 **OR³** an ELISA test using all the Aujeszky's disease viral antigens in the case of non-vaccinated-swine

5.2.2.3 **OR³** an ELISA test for the Aujeszky's disease g1 (gE) antigens in the case of swine vaccinated with a g1 (gE) deleted vaccine.

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6. Each semen donor (and teasers, if used):

6.1 Was established as a resident of an approved SCC through a formal process of quarantine, observation, and testing, in accordance with Council Directive 90/428/EEC, as last amended.

6.2 **AND** Was transported to the SCC in a vehicle that was cleaned and disinfected before transport.

7. The semen was collected according to the guidelines and standards the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

8. Each straw was individually marked with a numerical or alphanumerical sequence that includes the SCC approval number, donor breed, individual animal ID, and date of semen collection.

9. After processing, the semen was segregated in a storage area separate from all ruminant semen and any other semen produced under less than equivalent animal health conditions, and maintained under supervision of a center veterinarian⁷.

10. The semen was shipped in a new or thoroughly cleaned and disinfected container. [If semen is frozen, only fresh liquid nitrogen has been used to charge the tank.³]

11. The semen was transported under seal to the SCC of dispatch listed in Part I (Box 6).³

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SIGNATURE⁹			
CENTER VETERINARIAN⁷ RESPONSIBLE FOR SEMEN COLLECTION			
AUTHORIZATION NUMBER (if issued)		PRINTED NAME	
SIGNATURE		DATE ISSUED (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Section B³ (to be signed by the center veterinarian⁷ responsible for the SCC of dispatch)			
I, the undersigned center veterinarian⁷ responsible for the SCC of dispatch listed in Part I (Box 6), certify that: 1. The seal was intact upon arrival. 2. The semen was segregated in a storage area separate from all ruminant semen and other semen not produced under less than equivalent animal health conditions and maintained under supervision of the center veterinarian⁷ until such time as the official seals were applied. 3. The semen was shipped in a new or thoroughly cleaned and disinfected container. [If semen is frozen, only fresh liquid nitrogen has been used to charge the tank.³]			
SIGNATURE^{3,9}			
CENTER VETERINARIAN⁷ RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SCC OF DISPATCH LISTED IN PART I (Box 6)			
AUTHORIZATION NUMBER (if issued)		PRINTED NAME	
SIGNATURE		DATE ISSUED (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Section C (to be signed by a government veterinarian¹⁰)			
I, the undersigned government veterinarian¹⁰, certify that: 1. Each semen donor (and teasers, if used): 1.1 Originated from and have continuously resided in a country/region the USDA recognizes to be free¹ of foot-and-mouth (FMD) disease and swine vesicular disease (SVD), and the country/region was free of these diseases at the time of collection. 1.2 AND Originated from and have continuously resided in a country/zone that the USDA does not consider affected¹ with African swine fever (ASF), and the country/zone was not listed as affected by this disease at the time of collection. 2. For classical swine fever (CSF): 2.1 EITHER³ USDA recognizes the country/region where the semen was collected to be free¹ of classical swine fever (CSF), and the country/region was free of this disease at the time of collection, and the donor(s) were not commingled with swine of lesser CSF status			

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2.2 **OR³** The donor swine have been in the APHIS-defined European CSF region¹ but were not in a restricted zone¹¹ established due to detection of CSF in domestic swine or wild boar, and were not commingled with swine of lesser CSF status prior to or during collection of the germplasm

2.3 **OR³** The donor swine have been in a restricted zone¹¹ in the APHIS-defined European CSF region¹ established due to detection of CSF in domestic swine or wild boar, but the restrictions were removed prior to collection of the germplasm in accordance with one of the following timeframes:

2.3.1 **EITHER³** For CSF detected in domestic swine, from the time of detection until the designation of the zone as a restricted zone¹¹ is removed by the Competent Authority²; or until 6 months following depopulation of the swine on affected premises in the restricted zone¹¹ and the cleaning and disinfection of the last affected premises in the zone, whichever period of time is later

2.3.2 **OR³** For CSF detected in wild boar, from the time of detection until the designation of the zone as a restricted zone¹¹ is removed by the Competent Authority².

2.4 The donor swine have not transited any country or region considered affected¹ with CSF or, if transiting within the APHIS-defined European CSF region¹, any restricted zone¹¹ described in points 2.3.1 and 2.3.2, unless the donor swine were moved directly through the country, region, or zone in a sealed means of conveyance with the seal determined to be intact upon arrival at the point of destination.

2.5 The semen described in this certificate was collected, processed, and stored in a SCC approved and supervised by the Competent Authority² of the Member State in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC, as last amended **AND**

2.5.1 **EITHER³** was maintained solely under the control of the center veterinarian⁷ for the SCC in which it was collected

2.5.2 **OR³** was initially maintained under the control of the center veterinarian⁷ for the SCC in which the semen was collected, and subsequently under the control of the center veterinarian⁷ for the SCC of dispatch, currently approved by the Competent Authority² in accordance with Council Directive 90/429/EEC, as last amended.¹²

3. All semen exported under this certificate has been maintained under continuous oversight of a center⁷ or government veterinarian¹⁰ until the semen was placed in the shipping container and sealed with the official seals of the Competent Authority² of the Member State of export.¹³

4. The center veterinarian⁷ responsible for the collection of the semen that completed Section A of this certificate is authorized by the Competent Authority² to perform this service.

5. The center veterinarian⁷ responsible for the SCC of dispatch that completed Section B of this certificate is authorized by the Competent Authority² to perform this service.³

6. The shipping container(s) for export to the United States was sealed with an intact, tamperproof seal(s) recognized by the Competent Authority², as recorded in Box. 11.

7. As far as can be determined, this shipment will be routed directly to the United States with no stops en route other than those provided on the USDA import permit. This shipment will not transit any country/region that USDA does not consider free¹ of FMD.

Additional (post-collection) certifications:

8. Any outbreaks of contagious or communicable disease reported by the SCC after collection from the donors listed in this certificate, but prior to the time of the shipment's consignment to the United States, have been investigated and resolved by the Competent Authority².

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9. There have been no cases reported or suspected of FMD, ASF, or SVD in the country or region of origin between the last collection of semen for export to the United States and the date of shipment. ***Certificate valid for 30 days after the date of issuance***			
SIGNATURE ^{9,14}			
COMPETENT AUTHORITY ²			
OFFICIAL STAMP AND/OR SEAL		PRINTED NAME	
SIGNATURE		DATE ISSUED AND/OR ENDORSED (mm/dd/yyyy)	
NOTES: ¹ As listed at USDA APHIS Animal Health Status of Regions. ² The Competent Authority is the governmental authority responsible for establishing and ensuring or overseeing implementation of national standards of animal and veterinary health, international veterinary certification, and approval or accreditation of certifying veterinarians. ³ Strike out and initial as appropriate. ⁴ Container numbers (or other identifying information) and seal number(s) must be listed. ⁵ Donor identity: include the official identification mark of the animal in accordance with Council Directive 2008/71/EC of 15 July 2008, as amended, on the identification and registration of pigs. ⁶ Quantity: Number of straws used in the shipment for each donor. ⁷ The center veterinarian is the authorized veterinarian responsible for all SCC operations which includes but is not limited to verification of the donor health status (if applicable) and sanitary collection and/or processing and/or storage of the germplasm. ⁸ Test records must accompany the shipment. ⁹ Original wet ink signatures are required. The signature and the stamp must be in a different color from that of the printing. ¹⁰ A government veterinarian is a full-time salaried official veterinarian employed by the Competent Authority. An authorized center veterinarian is a licensed veterinarian approved or accredited by the Competent Authority to perform certain official tasks associated with animal health on their behalf, such as inspection and certification of commodities for international movement. ¹¹ A restricted zone for classical swine fever is defined as an area, delineated by the relevant Competent Authority of the region in which the area is located, that surrounds and includes the location of an outbreak of classical swine fever in domestic swine or detection of the disease in wild boar, and from which the movement of domestic swine is prohibited. ¹² In cases where porcine semen was collected, processed, and stored in a Member State, but further traded to or stored at an approved SCC of dispatch in another Member State prior to export to the United States, copies of animal health certificates for intra-community trade, as set out in Annex D to Directive 90/429/EEC, as amended, must accompany the shipment.			

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¹³ Semen collected within the European Union at different approved locations that are under the supervision of authorized center veterinarian(s) may be qualified for exportation to the United States and included in a single shipment, provided that a separate health certificate from the center veterinarian of each SCC is available. The supporting health certificate(s) must be provided to the government veterinarian of the exporting Member State to enable official certification of the semen from the various SCCs as a single shipment. Copies of these certificates should accompany the shipment to the United States. ¹⁴ This health certificate must be wet ink endorsed by a government veterinarian of the Competent Authority of the exporting Member State. The date issued is the date of signature of the authorized center veterinarian responsible for the SCC of dispatch (if applicable), otherwise the date issued is the date of signature of the authorized center veterinarian responsible for the SCC of collection.			