

USDA, APHIS, VETERINARY SERVICES
NATIONAL CENTER FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT
PROTOCOL FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
CERVIDAE SEMEN FROM CANADA

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 No import permit is required if the shipment is offered for entry at a land border port listed in 9 CFR 98.33(b).

In any other case, the importer must obtain an import permit from:

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA),
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS),
Veterinary Services (VS),
National Center for Import-Export (NCIE),
4700 River Road, Unit 39,
Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1231

A list of approved land border ports and permit applications can be obtained at
www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie

1.2 An official health certificate is required. The official health certificate must be issued by a veterinarian designated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and must be endorsed by a veterinarian employed by CFIA attesting to the certifications and tests required in this protocol.

1.3 The semen must be collected at a facility approved by CFIA to collect and export cervidae semen to the United States.

2. CERTIFICATIONS AND TESTS

2.1 Canada is free of bovine pleuropneumonia, ephemeral fever, foot-and-mouth disease, and rinderpest.

2.2 The donor stags have been a resident in the herd of origin for the last 2 years. Chronic wasting disease has never been diagnosed in the herd of origin.

2.3 The herd of origin has had a negative test for TB and Brucellosis within the previous 3 years of all eligible animals. (The dates and results of these herd tests must be listed on the health certificate.)

2.3 During the 60 days prior to collection of semen for export to the United States, the donors were examined by a veterinarian and found free from symptoms of infectious or contagious disease.

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- 2.4 During the 60 days prior to collection of semen for export to the United States, the donors were not known to be exposed to animals of lesser health status.
- 2.5 At the time of collection the semen donors and teasers were clinically and exhibited no clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease, including Chronic Wasting Disease.
- 2.6 The individual semen donors have completed negative testing for:
 - 2.6.1 Tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days of the initial semen collection for export to the United States; and
 - 2.6.2 Brucellosis within 30 days of the initial semen collection for export to the United States.
- 2.10 The dates and results of the TB and brucellosis testing have been recorded on the health certificate.

3. PROCESSING, STORAGE, AND SHIPMENT

- 3.1 The semen must be collected and processed under the supervision of CFIA. Individual straws or ampules shall bear indelible markings indicating the identity of the donor, the collection unit, and date of collection. This information may be in code if deciphering information accompanies the health certificate.
- 3.2 Semen extenders must contain no products contaminated by virulent pathogens. Antibiotic combinations in extenders must be acceptable to USDA.
- 3.3 Following processing, the semen must be in the custody of the veterinarian issuing the health certificate until it is placed, under his or her supervision, into a shipping container that is cleaned and free from contamination and sealed with official CFIA seals. The official seal numbers must be recorded on the health certificate.
- 3.4 The health certificate must contain:
 - 3.4.1 The name and address of the semen collection unit or premise where the semen was collected and processed for this shipment;
 - 3.4.2 The name and address of the veterinarian who supervised the collection of the semen;
 - 3.4.3 The dates on which the semen was collected;

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3.4.4 The identification and breed of the donors;

3.4.5 The number of ampule or straws covered by the health certificate and the identification number or code on each ampule or straw;

3.4.6 The dates, types, and results of all examinations and tests performed on the donor animal as a condition for importing the semen;

3.4.7 The seal number on the shipping container;

3.4.8 The name and addresses of the consignor and consignee.

4. INSPECTION AT THE PORT OF ENTRY

4.1 The importer or the importer's agent must present the USDA port veterinarian at the port of entry with an original health certificate for the semen.

4.2 The shipping container(s) and all straws and ampules containing semen must be made available to the USDA port veterinarian for inspection at the port of entry.

4.3 The containers and semen must not be removed from the port of entry until the port veterinarian has determined that the semen is eligible for entry.

4.4 If any semen is refused entry, the importer must remove the semen from the United States within 30 days or the semen will be destroyed.