

**IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL SEMEN (PROHIBITION) ORDER 1972**  
**APPLICATION FOR AN IMPORT LICENCE (CANINE SEMEN)**

This application form should be returned to: Animal Health & Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine, Kildare St., Dublin 2. Fax: +353-1-6072843 Email: [pets@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:pets@agriculture.gov.ie)

Country of origin of the semen	
Port/Airport of entry in Ireland	

**Note: Imports of canine semen from outside the EU may only enter Ireland via Shannon BIP**

Name and address of the owner of the donor animal			
Name and address of consignor / exporter			
Name and address of importer			
Name and address of consignee			
Address of destination of the semen			
<b>Donor Details</b>			
Breed of donor		Microchip/tattoo no. of donor*	
Date of rabies vaccination*		Date of Microchip/tattoo*	
Date of rabies titre blood-test and titration value*			
List of all countries the donor animal has been in during the last 12 months			
Address where the donor animal is located			
Address of premises where semen is stored			
Address of premises where semen was collected			

Name and address of veterinary surgeon supervising the collection of semen	
Date of collection of the semen	
<b>Consignment Details</b>	
No. of straws/ampoules of semen to be imported	
Type of semen (circle as appropriate)	Frozen / Chilled
Approx. date of importation	
Means of transport (Fedex, DHL, etc)	
Tracking Number (if available)	
<b>Indelible straw/ampoule identification numbers</b>	

I hereby declare that the particulars stated on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of importer / applicant

Date

Phone:

E-mail address:

\*Not required for every country – see country specific import requirements outlined in the attached

**Note: In the case of a consignment originating from outside the EU, arrival must be pre-notified to Shannon Airport Border Inspection Post (phone: 061-471546) via part 1 of an original Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED) at least 24 hrs in advance of scheduled arrival.**

## **A. ENTRY OF CANINE SEMEN INTO IRELAND – RESIDENCY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS (see B. Below for all other requirements)**

### **Requirements for entry from the UK, New Zealand or Australia**

#### **1. Residency**

- a) The donor dog has been continuously resident in the exporting country for at least 12 months prior to the first collection of semen for export.
- b) The donor dog is not subject to any quarantine restrictions imposed by the veterinarian authorities of the exporting country.

#### **2. Health status of the donor animal**

- a) In the six months preceding the collection of semen the donor animal was not vaccinated against rabies using a live vaccine.
- b) At the time of collection of semen the donor animal was subjected to a veterinary examination and showed no clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
- c) After 15 days elapsed following the last collection the donor animal was subjected to veterinary examination and showed no clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

**Note: No rabies vaccination or rabies titre blood test is required for UK, New Zealand or Australia**

### **Requirements for entry from all EU Member States (except UK) and listed Qualifying Countries and Territories (list attached)**

#### **1. Residency**

- a) The donor dog has been continuously resident in the exporting country for at least 12 months prior to the first collection of semen for export.
- b) The donor dog is not subject to any quarantine restrictions imposed by the veterinarian authorities of the exporting country.

#### **2. Health status of the donor animal**

- a) Donor dog must be identified by either microchip or a clearly readable tattoo and vaccinated against rabies.
- b) The date of the primary rabies vaccination must not **precede** the date of identification. This primary vaccination (i.e. first vaccination **following** identification) must have been administered at least 21 days before semen collection. The 21 day period does not apply to revaccinations/booster vaccinations, provided there has been no break in vaccination history. If there has been a break in vaccination, the booster vaccination is considered the primary vaccination and a period of 21 days must have passed since its administration.
- c) The donor dog must have been subjected to veterinary examination immediately before the collection of the semen and showed no clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases including rabies.
- d) The donor dog showed no clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases, including rabies, during the 15 days after the collection of the semen.

**Note: No rabies titre test is required.**

## Requirements for entry from all other (non-qualifying/higher risk) countries

### 1. Residency

- a) The donor dog has been continuously resident in the exporting country for at least 12 months prior to the first collection of semen for export.
- b) The donor dog is not subject to any quarantine restrictions imposed by the veterinarian authorities of the exporting country.

### 2. Health status of the donor animal

- a) Donor dog must be identified by either microchip or a clearly readable tattoo and be vaccinated against rabies.
- b) The date of the primary rabies vaccination must not **precede** the date of identification.
- c) At least 30 days after primary rabies vaccination the donor dog must be blood tested to confirm a neutralising antibody titration at least equal to 0.5 IU/ml. The test must be carried out in a laboratory approved for this purpose. Semen may only be collected when at least three months has expired since a successful blood-test. If the dog has had a break in its vaccinations and has had to repeat the blood-test, three months must pass from the date of the most recent test before semen may be collected.
- d) The donor dog must have been subjected to veterinary examination immediately before the collection of the semen and showed no clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases including rabies.
- e) The donor dog showed no clinical signs of any infectious or contagious diseases, including rabies, during the 15 days after the collection of the semen.

**Note: The Donor dog must have had a rabies vaccination and rabies titre blood test.**

## **B. ENTRY OF CANINE SEMEN INTO IRELAND - OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

### Semen Collection and Storage

- All equipment used for collection, dilution and packaging of the semen for export to the Republic of Ireland must be cleansed and disinfected before use and not used in the 12 hours prior to the collection.
- Frozen semen for export to Ireland must be frozen in liquid nitrogen containers or other freezing equipment which has been cleansed and disinfected prior to the processing of the semen for export.

### The semen diluent

- The semen diluent must have been prepared under hygienic conditions and any products of animal origin used in the diluent obtained from sources which presented no animal health risk or was so treated prior to use that such risk was prevented.
  - Eggs must have been obtained from a flock of birds in the exporting country which are certified free of clinical and serological evidence of Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease by a duly authorised Government veterinary officer.
  - Fresh or skimmed milk from the exporting country subjected to minimum temperature of 88c (190f) for a minimum period of two minutes.

### Semen storage

- Semen for export to Ireland must be stored in separate flasks which were emptied and thoroughly cleansed and disinfected since any previous use and contain fresh liquid nitrogen not previously used for any other purpose.
- After processing and until despatch to Ireland (which shall not be until after the post collection health examination of the donor animal) the semen for export must be stored in a room away from any other semen not intended for export.

## LIST OF QUALIFYING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

<b>EUROPEAN COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES – EU MEMBER STATES</b>		
Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria
Republic of Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark, including Greenland and Faroe Islands
Estonia	Finland	France, including French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Réunion
Germany	Gibraltar	Greece
Hungary	Italy	Latvia
Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta
Netherlands	Poland	Portugal, including the continental territory, Azores Islands and Madeira Islands
Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia
Spain, including the continental territory, Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, and Ceuta and Melilla	Sweden	
<b>European Countries/Territories – Non-Member States</b>		
Andorra		Croatia
Iceland	Liechtenstein	Monaco
Norway	San Marino	Switzerland
Vatican City State		
<b>Non-European Countries/Territories</b>		
Antigua and Barbuda	Argentina	Aruba
Ascension Island	Bahrain	Barbados
Belarus	Bermuda	Bosnia and Herzegovina
British Virgin Islands	Canada	Cayman Islands
Chile	Falkland Islands	Fiji
French Polynesia	Hong Kong	Jamaica
Japan	Malaysia	Mauritius
Mayotte	Mexico	Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles	New Caledonia	Russian Federation
Saint Helena	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Lucia
Saint Pierre et Miquelon	Singapore	Taiwan
Trinidad and Tobago	United Arab Emirates	United States of America, including Guam
Vanuatu	Wallis and Futuna	