

Appendix 3-5

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Caprine and Ovine Semen

(In case of any discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern)

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1. Caprine and ovine semen shall be imported only from countries or zones recognized by the Council of Agriculture as free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia and African swine fever.
2. The semen shall be produced from the artificial insemination centers (Name and address of the center shall be stated) supervised by the veterinary authorities of the exporting country.
3. The animal quarantine authorities of the exporting country shall provide a certificate attesting that the donor animals originate from the artificial insemination centers where brucellosis, sheep pox, goat pox, mange, tuberculosis, paratuberculosis (Johne's disease), bluetongue, and hemorrhagic septicemia have not occurred in the previous year; and scrapie, contagious pustular dermatitis, infectious abortion, melioidosis, leptospirosis, vibriosis, and listeriosis have not occurred during the past 6 months. In addition, the donor animals have been inspected and found free from clinical evidence of the above communicable diseases within 30 days prior to semen collection. The testing records designated in Article 6 of this requirement shall be provided if the donor animals are no longer living.
4. The semen shall originate from the states or zones where vesicular stomatitis has not occurred in the previous year.
5. The donor animals shall have been raised in the artificial insemination centers for at least 6 months and have not been used for natural mating.
6. The donor animals shall be subject to the following tests with negative results carried out by the animal quarantine authorities of the exporting country (The test methods and dates, sampling dates and test results shall be stated):
 - (1) Foot and mouth disease: serum neutralization test.
 - (2) Tuberculosis: intradermal tuberculin test.
 - (3) Paratuberculosis (Johne's disease): complement fixation test or fecal culture test.
 - (4) Bluetongue: complement fixation test and agar-gel immunodiffusion test.
 - (5) Brucellosis: tube agglutination test with the result of serum agglutination titer under 50 I.U.
 - (6) Vesicular stomatitis: serum neutralization test.
 - (7) Other diseases and diagnostic tests provisionally designated.

The diagnostic tests described above may be exempted for the countries where, according to the report of the OIE or the relevant epidemiological information, have been free from the above diseases for more than 5 years.

7. All goats and sheep in the artificial insemination centers shall not have been vaccinated against foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, or with any other vaccine that has not been approved.
8. The semen shall be collected, handled, preserved and transported under a sanitary condition free from contamination by pathogenic organisms.