



## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BOVINE SEMEN INTO THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**

- 1) **A health certificate** in English signed by a full-time authorized veterinary official of the government of the exporting country OR endorsed by the said veterinarian in case the certificate was previously acknowledged by a veterinary supervisor of the semen production center, stating:-
  - 1.1) names and addresses of the semen production center and premises of origin,
  - 1.2) number, species and breeds,
  - 1.3) identity of the donor animal,
  - 1.4) dates of semen collection,
  - 1.5) indelible identification marking on straws/ampoule of semen,
  - 1.6) certification of condition items (2) to (9).
- 2) The country of origin has been free from Rinderpest, and Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia during the 24 (twenty-four) months prior to the first collection of semen for export and until the date of despatch of the semen to Thailand.
- 3) The country/region/zone of origin has been free from Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and officially approved by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE).
- 4) The semen to be exported to Thailand must be produced from a semen production center licensed by a veterinary authority of the government of the exporting country and must be under the direct supervision and sanitary control of an authorized veterinary official. The procedures for approval of the center as well as health and hygiene control shall meet the relevant criteria set out in the OIE International Animal Health code.
- 5) The semen production center must be situated in an area where no clinical signs or other evidence of Bluetongue (BT) and other diseases caused by viruses related to BT virus has been found during the 12 (twelve) months prior to the first collection and until the date of despatch of the semen to Thailand.
- 6) Bull and teaser animals should enter the semen production center only if they are found to be free from clinical signs or other evidence of Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Leptospirosis, Johne's Disease, Enzootic Bovine Leukosis, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis/Infectious Pustular Vulvovaginitis (IBR/IPV), Bovine Viral Diarrhoea/Mucosal Disease (BVD/MD), Mycoplasmosis, Vesicular Stomatitis, Campylobacter fetus and Trichomonas foetus infection during 12 (twelve) months prior to the first collection and until the date of despatch of the semen to Thailand.
- 7) The animals must be clinically healthy and physiologically normal and must pass pre-entry test within the 30 (thirty) days prior to entry into isolation at the semen

production center of the following diseases: Bovine tuberculosis, Bovine brucellosis, Campylobacter fetus var. venerealis, and Trichomoniasis.

- 8) All in contact animals over six months of age at the semen production center must be tested Bovine Viral Diarrhoea by the virus isolation with negative results.
- 9) The donor bulls and any teaser animals used in the collection of the semen must remain in isolation at the AI center for a period of at least 30 (thirty) days before being retested for the following diseases with negative results using test methods or other methods recommended by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE):
  - 9.1) Tuberculosis OR the animals were kept in a country, part of the territory of a country or AI center where all animals are officially free from bovine tuberculosis and which the routine tests are being applied at least every 12 months.
  - 9.2) Brucellosis OR the animals were kept in a country, part of the territory of the country or AI center where all animals are officially free from bovine brucellosis and which the routine tests are being applied at least every 12 (twelve) months.
  - 9.3) Campylobacter fetus var. venerealis and Trichomonas foetus infection OR the animals have been subjected to a program of sheath lavage with antibiotic solution strength and composition to eliminate Campylobacter infection.
  - 9.4) Bluetongue on the day of collection and again 40 (forty) days following the date of collection.
  - 9.5) Enzootic Bovine Leukosis
  - 9.6) Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis/Infectious Pustular Vulvovaginitis
  - 9.7) Leptospirosis
  - 9.8) Bovine Viral Diarrhoea/Mucosal Disease
  - 9.9) Johne's disease
- 10) The semen must be obtained from the donor animals with normal libido and which have the records of their fertility as well as the records of their progeny possible to determine that it has no association with any genetic defect.
- 11) Preservatives and antibiotics including any mycoplasmocidal drugs used in the diluents must be clearly declared.
- 12) The semen was collected, processed and stored strictly in accordance with the relevant criteria set out in the OIE International Animal Health code.
- 13) Failure to follow the import procedures may result in returning the semen to the country of origin or destroying without compensation.

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