CANINE SEMEN OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN TO AUSTRALIA

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua

Veterinary Certificate Number SA

As the undersigned registered veterinarian from an MPI Listed Veterinary Practice, authorised to certify cats, dogs, and canine semen of New Zealand origin for export to Australia, I hereby certify, after due enquiry, the following information regarding the donor and identified semen:

Donor Dog

Microchip number: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Breed: _____

Semen Collection

Date(s) of semen collection	Identification of straws/ cryovials	Name of veterinarian examining donor and collecting semen
D D / M M M / Y Y Y Y		
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	Total number of straws/ vials in consignment	

Name and address of exporter: .....

Name and address of importer: .....

Name and address of Australian port of arrival: .....

Scheduled date of export : D D / M M M / Y Y Y Y Airway bill number: .....

1. New Zealand is free of rabies.
2. I am satisfied by veterinary and local council registration records that the donor was resident in New Zealand and not under any quarantine restriction during and between the first and last semen collection dates.
3. In the 12 months preceding the first date of semen collection, New Zealand has reported no confirmed cases of), leptospirosis (*Leptospira canicola*), indigenous leishmaniasis or indigenous canine brucellosis (*Brucella canis*), or established populations of competent leishmaniasis vectors.
4. **EITHER** ☐ I confirm, based on veterinary or local council registration records, that the donor has resided continuously in New Zealand since birth or since being imported from Australia.

   OR ☐ The dog tested negative for Leishmania infantum using either an indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT) or an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) on a blood sample collected 30 to 45 days after the final semen collection date.

Date of sample collection	Test Used
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5. The donor was examined on the day(s) of semen collection by the aforementioned registered veterinarian(s) in an MPI Listed Veterinary Practice and was authorised to certify live cats, live dogs, and canine semen of New Zealand origin for export to Australia. The veterinarian confirmed that the donor was healthy and free from any signs of infectious or contagious diseases, including venereal diseases. The semen was collected from the donor by the same veterinarian.
6. At the time of collection, each semen straw/cryovial was permanently marked with the donor's name and breed, date of collection, the donor microchip number and the name of the collection location.
7. The semen was stored under the supervision of the aforementioned registered veterinarian and transported in: (tick as appropriate);

   EITHER ☐ A new cryogenic container.

   OR ☐ A used cryogenic container, which was emptied, inspected, and cleared of any loose straws or cryovials before loading. The cryogenic container and all surfaces that came into contact with the straws or cryovials were disinfected, and only fresh liquid nitrogen was added to the cryogenic container.

Date of cryogenic container disinfection	Disinfectant used
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8. The cryogenic container was sealed with a tamper evident seal. **Seal number**: _____

MPI Listed Practice Number: _____ **MPI Listed Practice name:** _____

MPI Listed Practice Address: _____

MPI Listed Practice Telephone: _____ **Email**: _____

Name and Signature of Veterinarian: _____ **Date:** D D / M M M / Y Y Y Y

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Veterinary Certification Notes

1. For general enquiries regarding this veterinary certificate, contact AsureQuality on 0508 00 11 22 or email exports@asurequality.com

2. Ensure all parts of the veterinary certificate are filled out in accordance with the MPI requirements and associated guidance for Canine Semen of New Zealand Origin to Australia. Where possible have the veterinary certificate peer reviewed for accuracy by a colleague prior to issuing to the exporter.

3. The MPI Listed Veterinary Practice must email a copy of the completed veterinary certificate within 10 working days to exports@asurequality.com

4. A permit to import is not required from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

5. Advance notice of the intended import must be given to Department of Agriculture at the port of entry at least 72 hours prior to the expected time of arrival, giving the flight number/ship number and arrival time. This should be done by emailing the regional office in the state/territory the import will first arrive in Australia. Current email addresses are available on the department's website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au/cats-dogs/step-by-step-guides/canine-semen-new-zealand. Information on the email must include:

   - the date and estimated time of arrival
   - the flight number/ship number
   - the airway bill number
   - a contact phone number in Australia.

6. Each consignment must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate completed by a registered veterinarian in an MPI Listed Veterinary Practice and authorised to certify live cats, live dogs, and canine semen of New Zealand origin for export to Australia.

7. There must be a separate veterinary certificate for each donor.

8. A registered veterinarian in an MPI Listed Veterinary Practice and authorised to certify cats and dogs to Australia (including canine semen of New Zealand origin) must examine the donor on the date of each semen collection.

9. Where there are multiple dates of collection, each date must be entered using the format dd/mmm/yyyy.

10. The semen must be processed in either straw or pellet form.

    Pellets must be packaged in cryovials suitable for maintaining the product's integrity during storage and transport.

11. A registered veterinarian in an MPI Listed Veterinary Practice and authorised to certify cats and dogs to Australia (including canine semen of New Zealand origin) must seal the cryogenic container.

12. The number of the seal applied to the cryogenic container must be recorded on the veterinary certificate.

13. Consignments must be addressed to the Australian owner/person in charge, care of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture regional office in Australia located in the state/territory in which the consignment will first arrive in Australia and shipped as manifest cargo.
    Transport via international mail is not acceptable.

14. The MPI Listing Number is the unique number allocated by MPI to the Veterinary Practice where the certifying veterinarian is permitted to provide certification for canine semen of New Zealand origin to Australia.

15. Cryogenic containers used for the transport of semen must be either new or disinfected using one of the products or procedures accepted by Department of Agriculture (2% available chlorine, 2% Virkon, or irradiation at 50kGy).
    For used cryogenic containers, the date of disinfection, the disinfectant used and its active chemical must be recorded on the veterinary certificate.

16. Only new liquid nitrogen may be added to the cryogenic container prior to loading.

17. It is the exporter/importer in charge's responsibility to provide all evidence required to demonstrate that the consignment meets the import conditions.

18. All required documentation, including the Veterinary Certificate, should be securely attached to the outside of the package and marked "Attention Department of Agriculture".

19. The exporter/importer in charge must make an appointment for the inspection of the goods and documentation by the department. The exporter/importer in charge must be present at the inspection.

20. On arrival, the consignment will be subject to biosecurity control where it will remain until a biosecurity officer has completed the physical inspection of the consignment and all required documentation.

21. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure they have complied with requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation. It is the importer's responsibility to arrange for any additional testing for genetic and endemic infectious diseases, or for movement of animals or genetic material into certain animal health zones within Australia.

22. In the event of semen arriving in Australia without the correct certification, or in any other way not meeting these conditions, the semen may be detained in quarantine, re-exported at the importer's expense, or destroyed without recompense.

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