

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

European Communities (Trade in Bovine Breeding Animals, Their Semen, Ova and Embryos) Regulations, 1996 as amended

Application for approval of a semen storage centre

1. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT'S BUSINESS

- (a) **Trade Name** _____
- Trade Address** _____
- _____
- _____
- (b) **Telephone No.** _____
- (c) **Fax. No.** _____
- (d) **E-mail address** _____
- (e) **Company Reg. No.** _____
- (f) **VAT Reg. No.** _____

Status of Business:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Limited company | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Co-operative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sole Trader | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(g) Address where the business will be carried out (All records must be kept at this location to be made available for inspection by the Department when required):

(h) Location of Registered office:

- (i) If a **Limited Company or Co-operative**, state Name(s) and Address(es) of Director(s) and Company Secretary

- (j) If a **Partnership**, state Name and Address of each partner:

2. **PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT(S)**

- (a) Name and address of applicant(s):

- (b) Name and Address to which all _____
correspondence concerning the _____
approval should be forwarded _____

- (c) Is the premises to be used for or in connection with any other purpose or business?

YES NO

If **yes**, please specify:

- (d) Is the premises wholly owned by the applicant?

YES NO

If **no**, please give details of ownership and any lease/letting agreement:

A copy of any lease/letting agreement ***must*** accompany this form

I hereby apply on behalf of the applicant for approval of a semen storage centre within the State. I declare that the particulars given in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read, understood and agree to comply with S.I. 112 as amended.

Signed by: _____ *Position: _____

(Print Name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*must be a Director/Owner of the Company/Company Secretary if a company. If a co-operative must be the Secretary. If a partnership, all partners must sign.

Please enclose the following documentation with this application:

1. Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, Articles and Memorandum of Association if a company/Rules of Society and Annual Return under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 if a co-operative/partnership agreement if a partnership.
2. Names of counties in which it is proposed to provide a bovine A.I. service.
3. Proposed source of semen (include details of semen collection centre or contractual arrangements).
4. Copy of latest Business Plan.
5. Copy of latest Financial Statements.
6. List of senior staff names, positions held in the company and their work address.
7. Details of office facilities including equipment.
8. Name, address, Tel. No., Fax. No., and CV of the proposed approved Veterinarian.
9. Veterinary Council Registration Number of the proposed approved Veterinarian.

Please return the completed and signed application form to:

**Livestock Breeding Section (Bovine)
Department of Agriculture and Food
Government Buildings
Farnham Street
Cavan.**

If you have any enquiries please contact:
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Livestock Breeding Section (Bovine),
Department of Agriculture and Food,
Farnham Street
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GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SEMEN STORAGE CENTRE

(Source: Council Directive 88/407/EEC as amended and S.I. No 112 of 1996 as amended)

A. GENERAL

1. The centre must be placed under the permanent supervision of a centre veterinarian approved by the Minister
2. The centre must be so constructed or isolated that contact with livestock outside is prevented.
3. The centre must be constructed so that the storage facilities can be readily cleaned and disinfected
4. The storage centre must employ technically competent staff suitably trained in disinfections procedures and hygiene techniques relevant to the control of the spread of disease

B. RECORD KEEPING

The semen storage centre must be so supervised that:

1. A record is kept of all movement (in and out of the centre) and the status of the donor bulls whose semen is stored there and which comply with relevant legislation
2. A copy of all certificates accompanying consignments must be kept and available for inspection
3. Be so supervised that the entry of unauthorised persons is prevented. Furthermore authorised visitors must be required to comply with the conditions laid down by the centre veterinarian.

C. THE APPROVED CENTRE VETERINARIAN MUST ENSURE THE SEMEN STORAGE CENTRE IS SO SUPERVISED THAT:

1. Only semen collected at collection centres approved in accordance with Directive 88/407/EEC as amended is stored in approved storage centres, without coming into contact with any other semen.
2. In addition, only semen coming from an approved collection or storage centre and transported in conditions offering every possible health guarantee, having had no contact with any other semen, may be brought into an approved storage centre.
3. Storage of semen takes place only on the premises set aside for the purpose and under the strictest conditions of hygiene:
4. The centre veterinarian must lay down access rules for human visitors so that the entry of unauthorised persons is prevented. Furthermore, authorised visitors must be required to comply with the conditions laid down by the centre veterinarian.
5. All instruments which come into contact with the semen are properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use, except for single –use instruments:
6. Storage containers and transport containers are either properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation, except for single-use containers.

7. The cryogenic agent has not been previously used for other products of animal origin.
8. Each individual dose of semen is clearly marked in such a way that the following can be readily established:
 - a) Date of collection of the semen,
 - b) The breed and
 - c) The identification of the donor animal
 - d) The approval number of the collection centre
9. The centre veterinarian must certify to the official veterinarian any animal health information which may be required for export certification and of which the official veterinarian does not have personal knowledge
10. Ensure that staff employed are technically competent and suitably trained in disinfection procedures and hygiene techniques relevant to the control of the spread of disease.
11. Deep frozen embryos may also be stored in approved centres provided that:
 - Such storage is authorised by the Minister
 - The embryos meet the requirements of Council Directive 89/556/EEC of 25 September 1989 on animal health conditions governing Intra community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species
 - The embryos are stored in separate storage containers in the premises for storing approved semen.
 - Storage of semen takes place only on the premises set aside for the purpose and under the strictest conditions of hygiene.
 - All instruments which come into contact with the semen are properly disinfected or sterilised prior to use, except for single-use instruments.
 - Storage containers and transport containers are either properly disinfected or sterilised before the commencement of each filling operation, except for single-use containers.

D. OFFICIAL SUPERVISION

The official veterinarian is the Superintending Veterinary Inspector in the District Veterinary Office responsible for the area or any Veterinary Inspector designated by him/her.

1. The official veterinarian is responsible for certification of all semen for export.
2. The storage centre will be inspected by the official veterinarian, at least twice a year to assess all matters relating to the conditions of approval and supervision;
3. The centre veterinarian must certify to the official veterinarian any animal health information which may be required for export certification and of which the official veterinarian does not have personal knowledge.

