COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/569

of 7 April 2015

amending the Annexes to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU as regards the equivalence between officially tuberculosis-free bovine herds in Member States and in New Zealand and the information in the model animal health certificate on the quantity of semen

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(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 88/407/EEC of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species [1], and in particular Article 8(1), the first subparagraph of Article 10(2), Article 10(3) and Article 11(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex I to Commission Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU [2] sets out a list of third countries or parts thereof from which Member States are to authorise imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species ('semen'). New Zealand is included in that list. In addition, in Section A of Part 1 of Annex II to that Implementing Decision the model animal health certificate for imports into and transits through the Union of semen dispatched from the semen collection centre where the semen was collected is set out.

(2) Council Directive 64/432/EEC [3] lays down rules for intra-Union trade in bovine animals and provides for the monitoring and eradication programmes for certain diseases affecting those animals, including tuberculosis. New Zealand has requested for the recognition of its bovine tuberculosis control programme as being equivalent to the monitoring and eradication programmes for bovine tuberculosis that are implemented by the Member States in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex A.I to Directive 64/432/EEC. The information provided by New Zealand on its bovine tuberculosis control programme demonstrates that the bovine tuberculosis status of a bovine herd classified as 'C2', under the National Pest Management Strategy for bovine tuberculosis of New Zealand, is equivalent to the bovine tuberculosis status of a bovine herd that is recognised in a Member State as being an 'officially tuberculosis-free bovine herd' in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex A.I to Directive 64/432/EEC.

(3) Therefore, the list of third countries or parts thereof from which Member States are to authorise imports of semen set out in Annex I and the model animal health certificate set out in Section A of Part 1 of Annex II to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU should be amended in order to reflect the special conditions by which the Union recognises the equivalence of the classification of bovine herds as 'C2' within the framework of the bovine tuberculosis control programme implemented in New Zealand with the conditions set out in Annex A.I to Directive 64/432/EEC for a bovine herd in a Member State recognised as being an 'officially tuberculosis-free bovine herd'.

(4) To further reduce administrative burdens for the centre veterinarian and for the official veterinarian, it is appropriate to remove information on the total quantity of the straws of semen in the consignment from point I.28. of the model animal health certificate set out in Section A of Part 1 of Annex II to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU as this information is already stated in point I.20. of that model animal health certificate.

(5) In addition, it is necessary to insert in the table in point I.28. of the model animal health certificate set out in Section A of Part 1 of Annex II to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU a column where information can be specified as regards the quantity of straws of semen collected on a particular date from an identified donor bull complying with particular conditions for bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease.

(6) Annexes I and II to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.

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[1] OJ L 194, 22.7.1988, p. 10.

[2] Commission Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU of 20 September 2011 on imports into the Union of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species (OJ L 247, 24.9.2011, p. 32).

[3] Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (OJ 121, 29.7.1964, p. 1977/64).

(7) To avoid any disruption of imports into the Union of consignments of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species, the use of animal health certificates issued in accordance with Section A of Part 1 of Annex II to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU in their version before the entry into force of this Decision should be authorised during a transitional period subject to certain conditions.

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annexes to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

For a transitional period until 30 June 2015, consignments of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species accompanied by the appropriate animal health certificate issued no later than 1 June 2015 in accordance with the model animal health certificate set out in Section A of Part 1 of Annex II to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU in its version before the entry into force of this Decision, may continue to be introduced into the Union.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 April 2015.

For the Commission
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The Annexes to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU are amended as follows:

(1) Annex I is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX I

List of third countries or parts thereof from which Member States are to authorise imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species

ISO Code	Name of the third country	Remarks	
		Description of the territory (*if appropriate*)	Additional guarantees
AU	Australia		The additional guarantees concerning testing set out in points II.5.4.1 and/or II.5.4.2 of the model animal health certificate in Section A of Part 1 of Annex II are compulsory.
CA	Canada (*)	Territory described as CA-1 in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.	
CH	Switzerland (**)		
CL	Chile		
GL	Greenland		
IS	Iceland		
NZ	New Zealand (***)		
PM	Saint Pierre and Miquelon		
US	United States		The additional guarantees concerning testing set out in points II.5.4.1 and/or II.5.4.2 of the model animal health certificate in Section A of Part 1 of Annex II are compulsory.

(*) The model certificate to be used for imports from Canada is set out in Commission Decision 2005/290/EC of 4 April 2005 on simplified certificates for the importation of bovine semen and fresh pig meat from Canada and amending Decision 2004/639/EC (only for the semen collected in Canada) laid down in accordance with the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Canada on sanitary measures to protect public and animal health in respect of trade in live animals and animal products, as approved by Council Decision 1999/201/EC.

(**) The model certificates to be used for imports from Switzerland are set out in Annex D to Council Directive 88/407/EEC, with the adaptations set out in point 4 of Chapter VII(B) of Appendix 2 of Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products as approved by Decision 2002/309/EC, Euratom of the Council, and of the Commission as regards the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of 4 April 2002 on the conclusion of seven Agreements with the Swiss Confederation.

(***) For the purposes of imports into the Union of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species, the bovine tuberculosis status of a bovine herd classified as "C2", under the National Pest Management Strategy for bovine tuberculosis of New Zealand, is equivalent to the bovine tuberculosis status of a bovine herd that is recognised in a Member State as being an "officially tuberculosis-free bovine herd" in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annex A.I to Directive 64/432/EEC.'

(2) In Part 1 of Annex II, Section A is replaced by the following:

'SECTION A

Model 1 — Animal health certificate applicable to imports into and transits through the Union of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species collected, processed and stored in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC, dispatched from a semen collection centre where the semen was collected.

COUNTRY: **Veterinary certificate to EU**

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment

I.1. Consignor Name Address Tel.		I.2. Certificate reference No	I.2.a.
		I.3. Central competent authority	
		I.4. Local competent authority	
I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code Tel.		I.6. Person responsible for the load in EU Name Address Postal code Tel.	
I.7. Country of origin / ISO code	I.8. Region of origin / Code	I.9. Country of destination / ISO code	I.10. Region of destination / Code
I.11. Place of origin Name Approval number Address		I.12. Place of destination Name Address Postal code	
I.13. Place of loading		I.14. Date of departure	
I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane ☐ Ship ☐ Railway wagon ☐ Road vehicle ☐ Other ☐ Identification Documentary references		I.16. Entry BIP in EU	
		I.17.	
I.18. Description of commodity		I.19. Commodity code (HS code) **05 11 10**	
		I.20. Quantity	
I.21.		I.22. Number of packages	
I.23. Seal/Container No		I.24.	
I.25. Commodities certified for: Artificial reproduction ☐			
I.26. For transit through EU to third country ☐ Third country ISO code		I.27. For import or admission into EU ☐	

I.28. Identification of the commodities

Species

(Scientific name)

Donor/s identity	Identification of straw/s	Date/s of collection	Quantity	Information relating to	
				BT ([6])	EHD ([7])

COUNTRY **Bovine semen — Section A**

II.	Health information	II.a.	Certificate reference No	II.b.

Part II: Certification

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that:

II.1. .....

(name of exporting country or part thereof) ([2])

was free from rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to collection of the semen for export and until its date of dispatch to the Union and no vaccination against these diseases has taken place during the same period.

II.2. The centre ([3]) described in Box. I.11. at which the semen to be exported was collected:

II.2.1. meets the conditions laid down in Chapter I(1) of Annex A to Directive 88/407/EEC;

II.2.2. is operated and supervised in accordance with the conditions laid down in Chapter II(1) of Annex A to Directive 88/407/EEC.

II.3. The centre at which the semen to be exported was collected was free from rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis, anthrax and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia during 30 days prior to the date of collection of the semen to be exported and the 30 days after collection (in the case of fresh semen until the day of dispatch to the Union).

II.4. The bovine animals standing at the semen collection centre:

([8]) II.4.1. come from herds which satisfy the conditions of paragraph 1(b) of Chapter I of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC;

II.4.2. come from herds or were born to dams which comply with the conditions of paragraph 1(c) of Chapter I of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC, or were tested at the age of at least 24 months in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of Chapter II of Annex B to that Directive;

II.4.3. underwent the tests required in accordance with paragraph 1(d) of Chapter I of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC in the 28 days preceding the quarantine isolation period;

II.4.4. have satisfied the quarantine isolation period and testing requirements laid down in paragraph 1(e) of Chapter I of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC;

II.4.5. have undergone, at least once a year, the routine tests referred to in Chapter II of Annex B to Directive 88/407/EEC.

II.5. The semen to be exported was obtained from donor bulls which:

II.5.1. satisfy the conditions laid down in Annex C of Directive 88/407/EEC;

([1]) *either* [II.5.2. have remained in the exporting country for at least the last six months prior to collection of the semen to be exported;

([1]) *or* [II.5.2. have remained in the exporting country for at least 30 days prior to the collection of the semen since entry and they were imported from ..... ([2]) during the period of less than six months prior to the collection of the semen and satisfied the animal health conditions applying to donors of the semen which is intended for export to the European Union;]

II.5.3. comply with at least one of the following conditions as regards bluetongue, as detailed in the table in point I.28.:

([1]) *either* [II.5.3.1. were kept in a bluetongue virus-free country or zone for at least 60 days prior to, and during, collection of the semen;]

([1]) *and/or* [II.5.3.2. were kept during a bluetongue virus seasonally free period in a seasonally free zone for at least 60 days prior to, and during, collection of the semen;]

([1]) *and/or* [II.5.3.3. were kept in a vector-protected establishment for at least 60 days prior to, and during, collection of the semen;]

([1]) *and/or* [II.5.3.4. were subjected to a serological test for the detection of antibody to the bluetongue virus serogroup, carried out in accordance with the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, with negative results, at least every 60 days throughout the collection period and between 21 and 60 days after the final collection for this consignment of semen;]

COUNTRY **Bovine semen — Section A**

II.	Health information	II.a. Certificate reference No	II.b.

	([1]) *and/or*	[II.5.3.5.	were subjected to an agent identification test for bluetongue virus, carried out in accordance with the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, with negative results, on blood samples taken at commencement and final collection for this consignment of semen and at least every 7 days (virus isolation test) or at least every 28 days, if carried out as polymerase chain reaction (PCR), during collection for this consignment of semen;]
	II.5.4.	comply with at least one of the following conditions as regards epizootic haemorrhagic disease (EHD), as detailed in the table in point I.28:	
	([1]) *either*	[II.5.4.1.	were resident in the exporting country which according to official findings is free from epizootic haemorrhagic disease (EHD);]
	([1]) ([5]) *and/or*	[II.5.4.2.	were resident in the exporting country in which according to official findings the following serotypes of epizootic haemorrhagic disease (EHD) exist: ..... and were subjected with negative results in each case to the following tests carried out in an approved laboratory:
	([1]) *either*	[II.5.4.2.1.	a serological test ([4]) for the detection of antibody to the EHD virus serogroup, carried out on samples of blood taken on two occasions not more than 12 months apart prior to and not less than 21 days following collection for this consignment of semen;]]
	([1]) *and/or*	[II.5.4.2.2.	a serological test ([4]) for the detection of antibody to the EHD virus serogroup, carried out on samples taken at intervals of not more than 60 days throughout the collection period and between 21 and 60 days after the final collection for this consignment of semen.]]
	([1]) *and/or*	[II.5.4.2.3.	an agent identification test ([4]) carried out on blood samples collected at commencement and conclusion of, and at least every 7 days (virus isolation test) or at least every 28 days, if carried out as PCR, during collection for this consignment of semen.]]
II.6.	The semen to be exported was collected after the date on which the centre was approved by the competent national authorities of the exporting country.		
II.7.	The semen to be exported was processed, stored and transported under conditions which satisfy the terms of Directive 88/407/EEC.		

Notes

Part I:

Box I.6: *Person responsible for the load in the EU*: this box is to be filled in only if it is a certificate for transit commodity.

Box I.11: *Place of origin* shall correspond to the semen collection centre listed in accordance with Article 9(2) of Directive 88/407/EEC on the Commission website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/semen_ova/bovine/index_en.htm and where the semen was collected.

Box I.22: *Number of packages* shall correspond to the number of containers.

Box I.23: Identification of container and seal number shall be indicated.

Box I.26: Fill in according to whether it is a transit or an import certificate.

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Box I.28: *Species*: select amongst '*Bos taurus*', '*Bison bison*' *or* '*Bubalus bubalis*' as appropriate.

Donor identity shall correspond to the official identification of the animal.

Date of collection shall be indicated in the following format: dd/mm/yyyy.

Quantity shall correspond to the number of straws of semen collected on a particular date from an identified donor bull complying with particular conditions for bluetongue and EHD.

COUNTRY **Bovine semen — Section A**

II. Health information	**II.a. Certificate reference No**	**II.b.**

Part II:

(1) Delete as necessary.

(2) Only third countries or parts thereof listed in Annex I to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU.

(3) Only semen collection centres listed in accordance with Article 9(2) of Directive 88/407/EEC on the Commission website:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/semen_ova/bovine/index_en.htm.

(4) Standards for EHD virus diagnostic tests are described in the Bluetongue Chapter (2.1.3) of the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals.

(5) Compulsory for Australia, Canada and the United States.

(6) Referring to each straw or batch of straws indicate applicable condition (for example II.5.3.1).

(7) Referring to each straw or batch of straws indicate applicable condition (for example II.5.4.1 or II.5.4.2.1).

(8) For New Zealand, appearing with the entry 'XII' in column 6 of Part 1 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 (OJ L 73, 20.3.2010, p. 1), officially tuberculosis-free bovine herds shall be considered equivalent to officially tuberculosis-free bovine herds in the Member States recognised based on the conditions laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annex A.I to Council Directive 64/432/EEC.

— The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters): Qualification and title:

Date: Signature:

Stamp:'