

L.N. 313/03 of 2003

**VETERINARY SERVICES ACT
(ACT XXIII OF 2001)**

**Pedigree and Zootechnical Requirements for the Importation of Semen of
Certain Animals Regulations, 2003**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 34(g) of the Veterinary Services Act, the Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment has made the following regulations:-

Title and scope

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Pedigree and Zootechnical requirements for the Importation of Semen of certain Animals Regulations, 2003.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to implement the provisions found under European Commission Decision 96/509/EC laying down pedigree and zootechnical requirements for the importation of semen of certain animals. This Decision finds a legal basis under European Union Council Directive 94/28/EC, article 5, second and third indent.

Importation of semen

2. Semen as referred to in article 1 of European Union Council Directive 94/28/EC, coming from an animal which has not undergone the performance tests and genetic value assessment on the basis of the principles provided for by zootechnical rules, may only be imported within the limits of the quantities necessary for approved organisations or associations to carry out such official test.

Pedigree and zootechnical certificates

3. The semen referred to in regulation 2 hereof must be accompanied by -

(a) a pedigree and zootechnical certificate conforming to the model in Schedule I, issued by the competent authorities of the third country;

(b) a certificate conforming to the model in Schedule II, issued by the competent authorities of the territory of Malta or the Member State of destination.

The certificates mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) above must be presented together at the time of importation.

SCHEDULE I

PEDIGREE AND ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SEMEN FROM PURE-BREED BREEDING ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES; PURE-BRED BREEDING PIGS; PURE-BRED BREEDING SHEEPS AND GOATS WHICH HAVE NOT UNDERGONE PERFORMANCE TEST AND GENETIC VALUE ASSESSMENT	
A. Particular of donor male	
1. Species (cattle/pig/sheep/goat) ⁽¹⁾	2. Breed/genetic type
3. Issuing body	
4. Name and address of the authority maintaining the herd-book of the origin in the third country	
5. Name and address of the breeder	
6. Name (optional)	7. Original entry No.
8. Date of birth	9. Blood group
10. Pedigree	
Sire Original herd-book No	Grandsire Original herd-book No
	Granddam Original herd-book No
Dam Original herd-book No	Grandsire Original herd-book No
	Granddam Original herd-book No
11. All available results of performance Tests and up-to-date results of the genetic value with name of the body which assessed the genetic value, on the animal itself or its parents or grandparents ⁽²⁾	
Done at, on	
Signature	
NAME IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY	
⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate. ⁽²⁾ Or other appropriate method approved in accordance with Community legislation, only necessary for cattle, sheep and goats. ⁽³⁾ If necessary use additional paper.	

**PEDIGREE AND ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SEMEN FROM
PURE-BREED BREEDING ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES; PURE-BRED BREEDING PIGS;
PURE-BRED BREEDING SHEEPS AND GOATS WHICH HAVE NOT UNDERGONE PERFORMANCE
TEST AND GENETIC VALUE ASSESSMENT**

B. Particulars on semen

1. Semen Identification System(colour, number, etc.)	2. Identification of the container
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3. Origin of semen (address of semen collection centre)

4. Destination of semen (name and address of consignee)

Identification of straw	Number of doses	Date of collection

Done at, on Signature

NAME IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY

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SCHEDULE II

CERTIFICATE FOR THE LIMITED IMPORTATION OF UNTESTED SEMEN FROM PURE-BRED BREEDING ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES; PURE-BRED AND BREEDING PIGS; PURE -BRED BREEDING SHEEP AND GOATS TO BE USED FOR GENETIC EVALUATION	
1. Issuing body	
2. Name of donor male (optional)	3. Original herd-book No
4. Maximum number of doses which can be imported	
5. Consignee	
Done at, on Signature	
NAME IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY	