

INSPECTION CHECKLIST FOR EQUINE SEMEN COLLECTION CENTERS
FOR APPROVAL TO EXPORT TO AUSTRALIA

Name of Center _____ Date of Inspection _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Facility Owner/Manager _____ Phone _____

Center Veterinarian _____ Phone _____

Type of Inspection: _____ Initial _____ Re-approval (Current Approval Number _____)

I. The equine semen collection center:

- (1) _____ will be approved by a Veterinary Services veterinarian prior to the commencement of each period of collection of semen for export to Australia.
- (2) _____ is supervised by a Center Veterinarian.
- (3) _____ employs competent staff who have received adequate training on disinfection and hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of disease.
- (4) _____ is located in a country, or part of a country, that has been free from the following diseases for 2 years: African Horse Sickness, Contagious Equine Metritis, Dourine, Glanders, and VEE; and the following diseases for 12 months: EEE and WEE, Surra, Vesicular Stomatitis, and Borna disease.
- (5) _____ has a lockable animal accommodation and, if applicable, an exercise area which are physically separated from the collection facilities, the processing and storage rooms.
- (6) _____ is surrounded by 2 secure stock-proof fences at least 5 meters apart except where the wall of a building forms part of the perimeter.
- (7) _____ has isolation facilities which have no direct contact with the normal animal or outside livestock accommodation.
- (8) _____ contains only animals of the species whose semen is to be collected.
- (9) _____ will only be occupied by the donor stallions and other stock of the same health status during the collection period. The area between the perimeter fences will be kept free from horses and other stock during the collection period and for a sufficient period beforehand to ensure decontamination.

- (10) _____ has semen collection facilities, including a separate room for the cleansing and disinfection or sterilization of equipment.
- (11) _____ has a semen processing room separated from the collection facilities which need not necessarily be on the same site.
- (12) _____ has a semen storage room which need not necessarily be on the same site.
- (13) _____ is constructed so that the entire center, except the office rooms and any exercise area, can be readily cleaned and disinfected.
- (14) _____ is monitored to ensure that records are kept which show:
- (a) _____ the species, breed, date of birth and identification of each animal present in the center.
 - (b) _____ any movement of animals entering or leaving the center.
 - (c) _____ the health history and all diagnostic tests and the results thereof, treatments and vaccinations carried out on animals kept.
 - (d) _____ the date of semen collection and processing.
 - (e) _____ the destination of semen.
 - (f) _____ the storage of semen.
- (15) _____ is supervised so that the entry of unauthorized persons is prevented.
- (16) _____ is supervised so that the entry of authorized visitors complies with the conditions laid down by the center veterinarian.
- (17) _____ is monitored so that:
- (a) _____ none of the animals kept in the center are used for natural breeding at least 30 days prior to the first semen collection and during the collection period.
 - (b) _____ the collection, processing and storage of semen is carried out only in premises set aside for these purposes.
 - (c) _____ all utensils coming into contact with the semen or the donor animal during collection and processing are either properly disinfected or sterilized prior to use or new, disposable and discarded after use.

- (d) _____ products of animal origin such as diluents, additives or extenders that are used in the processing of semen present no animal health risk or have undergone prior treatment to preclude such a risk.
- (e) _____ in the case of frozen or chilled semen, cryogenic agents are used which have not been used previously for other products of animal origin.
- (f) _____ any receptacle for the storage or transport of semen is either disinfected or sterilized as appropriate prior to use or new, disposable and discarded after use.
- (g) _____ each individual dose of semen is indelibly identified in such a way that the country or origin, the date of collection, the species, the breed, the identity of the donor animal, and the name and/or number of the approved center which collected the semen may be established.
- (h) _____ any health problems affecting horses or other stock on the center during the collection period must be promptly reported to the supervising Official Veterinarian.

VMO Recommendation: _____ Approval
 _____ Disapproval (list reason): _____

Signatures:

Owner/Agent

VMO