

ANNEX III

**IN VITRO-PRODUCED EMBRYOS OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE
SPECIES FOR IMPORT,
CONCEIVED USING SEMEN COMPLYING WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 88/407/EEC**

COUNTRY

Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I : Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Postal code			I.2.		I.2.a. Local reference number:		
				I.3. Central Competent Authority				
				I.4. Local Competent Authority				
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code			I.6.				
	I.7. Country of origin		ISO code	I.8. Region of origin		Code	I.9. Country of destination	
							I.10. Region of destination	
	I.11. Place of origin Embryo team <input type="checkbox"/> Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address			I.12. Place of destination Holding <input type="checkbox"/> Embryo team <input type="checkbox"/> Approved body <input type="checkbox"/> Name Approval number Address Postal code				
	I.13.			I.14. Estimated date and time of arrival				
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification: Documentary references:			I.16. I.17.				
	I.18. Description of commodity			I.19. Commodity code (HS code)		I.20. Quantity		
	I.21.			I.22. Number of packages				
	I.23. Identification of container/Seal number			I.24.				
	I.25. Commodity certified for Artificial reproduction <input type="checkbox"/>							
I.26. For transit to 3rd Country vis-à-vis EU 3rd country ISO code			I.27. For import or admission into EU Definitive import <input type="checkbox"/>					
I.28. Identification of the animals/products Species (Scientific name) Identification mark Category								

COUNTRY

In vitro-produced bovine embryos

	II. Health information <input type="checkbox"/>	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b. Local reference number
Part II: Certification	<p>I, the undersigned, official veterinarian of the Government of</p> <p>....., (insert name of exporting country)</p> <p>certify that:</p> <p>1.1. the embryo production team identified above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has been approved in accordance with Chapter I of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC; - carried out the production, processing, storing and transport of the embryos described above in accordance with Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC; - is subject to inspection by an official veterinarian at least twice a year. <p>1.2. The embryos to be exported were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings:</p> <p>1.2.1. was free from rinderpest during the 12 months immediately prior to their production;</p> <p>1.2.2. either was free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to their production and did not carry out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period⁽¹⁾,</p> <p>1.2.2.2. or was not free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to their production and/or carried out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the embryos were produced without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>, - the embryos were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after their production, and - the donor females come from holdings on which no animal was vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to collection and no animal of a susceptible species showed clinical signs of foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to, and at least the 30 days after, the oocytes were collected⁽¹⁾. <p>1.3. The oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported were collected from donor females complying with the following requirements:</p> <p>1.3.1. The donor females:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - were kept in a bluetongue virus-free country or zone for at least 60 days prior to, and during, collection of the oocytes⁽¹⁾; <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>1.3.2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - were kept during a seasonally free period or protected from the competent vector <i>Culicoides</i> for at least 60 days prior to, and during, the collection of the oocytes, and the embryos were produced without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>, except if the donors underwent a serological test to detect antibodies to the bluetongue virus group, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals between 21 and 60 days after collection and giving negative results and the embryos were stored for at least 30 days⁽¹⁾; <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>1.3.3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - underwent a serological test to detect antibodies to the bluetongue virus group, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals between 21 and 60 days after collection and giving negative results, and the embryos were stored for at least 30 days⁽¹⁾; 		

	<p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>1.3.4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – underwent an agent identification test, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals on a blood sample taken on the day of collection or the day of slaughtering and giving negative results – the embryos having been produced, in the latter case, without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>⁽¹⁾. <p>1.4.</p> <p>1.4.1. Within a 10-km radius of the premises on which the oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported were collected and processed, according to official findings there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia in the 30 days immediately prior to their collection and, in the case of embryos certified under 11.2.2.2, in the 30 days after their collection as well.</p> <p>1.4.2. From the time of collection until 30 days thereafter, the embryos to be exported were stored at all times on approved premises within a 10-km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis or Rift Valley fever.</p> <p>1.5. The donors of oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported:</p> <p>1.5.1. were located, during the 30 days immediately prior to collection of the oocytes, on premises within a 10-km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, contagious vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia;</p> <p>1.5.2. showed no clinical signs of disease on the day of collection;</p> <p>1.5.3. spent the six months immediately prior to collection within the territory of the exporting country in no more than two herds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – which, according to official findings, were free from tuberculosis during that time, – which, according to official findings, were free from brucellosis during that time, – which were free from enzootic bovine leukosis or in which no animal showed clinical signs of enzootic bovine leukosis during the previous three years, – in which no bovine animal showed clinical signs of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis during the previous 12 months. <p>1.6. The embryos to be exported provide the following additional guarantees⁽³⁾:</p> <p>1.6.1. either the embryos to be exported were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings is free from Akabane disease⁽¹⁾,</p> <p>1.6.2. or the embryos were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings is not free from Akabane disease⁽¹⁾, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the embryos were produced without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>; – the embryos were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after production, and – the donors of the oocytes used in the production of embryos underwent a serum neutralisation test for Akabane disease giving negative results and carried out on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following their collection, or an agent identification test carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals on a blood sample taken on the day of slaughtering⁽¹⁾. <p>1.7. The embryos to be exported were conceived by <i>in vitro</i> fertilisation using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres located in a Member State of the European Community or in a third country and approved in accordance with Article 5(1) and Article 9(1) respectively of Directive 88/407/EEC⁽⁵⁾.</p>
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	<p>Notes</p> <p>(1) Delete as appropriate.</p> <p>(2) [Box reference no. I.28 in Part I]: Identification mark: corresponding to the identification of the donor cows and the date of collection. Category: specify if a) penetration or b) non penetration of <i>zona pellucida</i>.</p> <p>(3) See remarks for exporting country concerned in Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC.</p> <p>(4) The signature and the stamp must be of a different colour from that of the printed form.</p> <p>(5) Semen collection and storage centres approved in accordance with EC legislation are listed on the Commission's website http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/index_en.htm.</p> <p>NB: This certificate must:</p> <p>(a) be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State of destination and of the Member State where the embryos will enter Community territory;</p> <p>(b) be made out to a single consignee;</p> <p>(c) accompany the embryos in the original.</p>
	<p>Official veterinarian</p> <p>Name (in Capital):</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Stamp</p> <p>Qualification and title</p> <p>Signature:</p>