

# **IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION INTO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS OF HORSE SEMEN FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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## **USER GUIDE**

The information in the Falkland Island animal and animal product import health standards is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of four parts, designated alphabetically.

Part A. GENERAL INFORMATION contains sections of general interest and the general responsibilities of every importer of animals and animal products.

Part B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE contains sections that outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation.

Part C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the Falkland Islands Border.

Part D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION contains the health certification that must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompanies the consignment to Falkland Islands.

## **PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD
  - 1.1 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of horse semen imported into The Falkland Islands from the United States of America is dependent upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.
  - 1.2 This import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in The Falkland Islands import policy or the animal health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason, at the discretion of the Senior Veterinary Officer.

## **2. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 All costs involved with documentation, transport and storage shall be borne by the importer.

## **3 DEFINITIONS**

### **Accredited Veterinarian**

A civil service veterinarian or a specially appointed veterinarian, as authorised by the APHIS of the exporting country.

## **4. EQUIVALENCE**

Import clearance will not normally be given to a consignment that does not meet the requirements of this import health standard in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply with the requirements of this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence submitted prior to importation will be considered and may be given at the discretion of the Senior Veterinary Officer if the following information is provided by the exporting country's Veterinary Administration:

- 4.1 which clause/s of the import health standard cannot be met and how this has occurred
- 4.2 the reason/s the consignment may be considered of equivalent health status to a consignment complying with this import health standard, and/or what proposal is made to achieve an equivalent health status
- 4.3 the reason/s why APHIS believes this proposal should be acceptable to the Senior Veterinary Officer and their recommendation for its acceptance.

## **PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE**

### **5. PERMIT TO IMPORT**

- 5.1 A license to import needs to be issued by the Falkland Island Veterinary Service.

### **6. ELIGIBILITY**

- 6.1 The horse semen must be in straws, ampoules or other sealed packaging. Semen in pellets is not acceptable.

- 6.2 All straws must be permanently marked with identification of the donor animal/s and the date of collection. If a code is used for this information, its decipher must accompany the consignment
- 6.3 Fresh/chilled or frozen horse semen are eligible for importation under this import health standard, upon completion of the appropriate health conditions described in the zoosanitary certification.

## **7. DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**

- 7.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by appropriately completed health certification, which meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION.
- 7.2 Documentation shall be in English, but may be bilingual (language of exporting country/English).
- 7.3 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction and/or clearance or rejection of consignments.

## **8. TRANSPORT TO FALKLAND ISLANDS**

- 8.1 The horse semen must be transported in transport containers that have been sealed with an official seal of APHIS of the exporting country. The number of the seal must be recorded in the Veterinary Certification accompanying the consignment.

## **PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE**

### **9. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE**

- 9.1 Upon arrival in The Falkland Islands, an Inspector shall inspect the documentation accompanying the consignment at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.
- 9.2 In the case of animal products, if there is any visible contamination (blood, faeces, soil etc.) of packaging of the consignment, this shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to biosecurity clearance being given.
- 9.3 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION clearance will be issued.

## **PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

### **10. NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION**

- 10.1 The following documents are recognised by SVO as equivalent to the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION, and are approved to accompany imports of horse semen into The Falkland Islands from the United States of America when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's competent authority: