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# Import of Equine Genetic Material Import Information Note (IIN) EGTC/2

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## 1. General Information

**This Import Information Note (IIN) must be read in conjunction with the IIN for general information for imports of live animals and germplasm, which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.**

**[General information for imports of live animals and germplasm \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)**

References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU Legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 and can be viewed on the UK legislation website ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

## 2. Scope

Import conditions for equine semen, ova and embryos.

### 3. Approved countries

Imports are permitted from trading partners, listed in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers. See the documents for Equidae at the links below.

- [Non-EU countries](#)
- [EU and EFTA countries](#)

### 4. Approved establishments

All semen, ova and embryos must be collected in approved centres and by approved teams in accordance with the Balai Regime. Lists of approved centres and teams are available on gov.uk:

- [List of approved centres and teams](#)
- [List of EU approved establishments](#)

### 5. Health certification/documentation

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate, which can be found on GOV.UK.

[Equine germinal products: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### 6. Contact for further information on import requirements

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the APHA Imports team:

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