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NEW MODEL HEALTH CERTIFICATES FOR TRADE IN AND IMPORTS INTO THE EU OF SEMEN, OVA AND EMBRYOS OF THE EQUINE SPECIES

Purpose

To inform you that new model health certificates for trade in and imports into the EU of equine semen, ova and embryos have been published.

Background

Following the publishing of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 846/2014 amending Annex D to Council Directive 92/65/EEC, [Customer Information Note CIN GE/2014/66](#) was published advising you of the changes to conditions for the trade in germinal products, primarily to the test options for contagious equine metritis (CEM) and equine viral arteritis (EVA) under Council Directive 92/65/EEC (as amended), applying from 1 October 2014.

It also advised you that separate certificates to enable trade in germinal products collected from 1 October under the amendments introduced by Commission Implementing Regulation 846/2014/EU are yet to be adopted. [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2015/261](#) of 6 February was published on 24 February amending Decisions 2010/470/EU and Decision 2010/471/E and sets out the new model health certificates.

There are now four model health certificates for trade in and imports of equine semen. They can be found in Annex I to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/261.

Germinal products collected and dispatched after the date of application of Regulation (EU) 846/2014 (1 October 2014) should be accompanied by the new health certificates.



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As the germinal products may be frozen and therefore have a long shelf life, the Decision provides model health certificates for stocks collected, processed and stored before 1 October 2014 (accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC before these amendments came into force) to be used.

It should be noted that the model certificates for **imports** have been aligned to those for trade to only allow a single 'Place of origin' to be selected for:

- a semen collection centre of origin of the semen; or
- a semen storage centre of dispatch; or
- an approved embryo collection or production team of origin of the ova or embryos.

Also, the requirements to include 'breed' in point I.31 – identification of the commodities has been removed from the health certificates in Decision 2010/470/EU and 2010/471/EU because breed is linked to zootechnical requirements but is not relevant for the certification of animal health conditions.

Action for OVSS

To note the above regarding Imports into the EU

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