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Update on Bluetongue (BT) in Canada (Ontario)

Purpose

1. To advise you that on 16 October 2015, the EU Commission confirmed the resumption of exports from Canada into Member States of bovine semen collected in EU-listed bovine semen collection centres under the Bluetongue testing regime recommended by the OIE, and accompanied by the simplified certificate set out in [Annex 1 of Commission Decision 2005/290/EC](#)

Background

2. OVS note 2015/36 issued on 13 October informed you that the Canadian Authorities had written to the Commission expressing their wish to partially resume export of bovine semen to the EU which the Commission accepted.
3. However, the export was limited to semen collected before the last negative test for BT carried out prior to Canada's declaration of BT to the OIE.
4. Since then the Canadian Authorities have provided sufficient evidence to the EU Commission that the Bluetongue testing regime recommended by the OIE, have been effectively implemented on Canada's Artificial Insemination Centres approved for exports, including the EU-listed bovine semen collection centres at:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/semen_ova/docs/ca_bov_scc.pdf

Action for OVSS

5. To note that bovine semen collected in EU-listed bovine semen collection centres under the bluetongue testing conditions can be exported accompanied by the simplified certificate set out in Annex 1.

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