

BIOSECURITY IMPORT SPECIFICATION IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF BOVINE SEMEN FROM AUSTRALIA INTO FIJI

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION

Each Bovine semen consignment imported into Fiji must be accompanied by a certificate issued by the authorized registered **Veterinarian in charge of the A. I. Centre stating that:**

- 3.1 Prior to entering the semen collection centre the donor bulls were tested, with negative results, for Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD) virus using either an antigen ELISA, or PCR, or virus isolation.
 - 3.2 It has been produced at an Artificial Insemination (A.I) Centre licensed for export purpose in Australia by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture.
 - 3.3 The donor bulls were resident in the semen collection centre, under veterinary supervision, for at least 30 days prior to first collection of semen
 - 3.4 During the pre-collection period the donor bulls did not perform natural service.
 - 3.5 The semen is package in individual doses sealed in either a plastic straw or glass ampoule clearly marked with the name of the donor bull and the A.I. Centre batch number and date of collection of the semen;
 - 3.6 The semen shall not be derived from a bull produced by micro- manipulation nor genetically engineered;
2. Each shipment of Bovine Semen imported into Fiji shall be accompanied by-
- 2.1. A written description thereof stating-
 - 2.1.1. The name and breed of the bull;
 - 2.1.2. The number of straws or ampoules and the dose volume;
 - 2.2 A certificate by the authorized Veterinarian in charge of the A.I. Centre stating That the bull has been subjected to regular testing for tuberculosis, brucellosis, trichomoniasis, campylobacter, Johne's disease with negative result for 12 months period prior to semen collection:
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 - 2.1.3. That to the best of his knowledge, the bull has never shown clinical evidence of infection with infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis virus by using either an ELISA or SNT on serum or semen from the donor bulls has been cultured or tested with a PCR.
 - 2.1.4. That antibiotics have been included in the diluents and giving the names of the antibiotics used;
 - 2.1.5. That the fertility of the donor bull has been consistently within the normal range;
 - 2.1.6. That the bull is approved for widespread use in the country of origin, Australia.
 - 2.1.7. With regards to Enzootic Bovine Leucosis (EBL) –
 - 2.1.7.1. The donor bull was resident at the time of semen collection in an EBL free herd by using test either the AGID test or ELISA.
 - 2.1.7.2. If less than 2 years of age, the bull came from a serologically negative “uterine” dam;
 - 2.1.7.3. The bull was subjected to diagnosis tests for EBL on blood samples on two occasions with negative results, the first test being carried out at least 30 days before and the second test at least 90 days after the collection of semen.

- 2.1.8. That the semen has not been stored at a farm other than an approved A.I. Centre and that it has never been stored in a flask which has been used on the farm premises unless such flask was thoroughly disinfected inside and out before being used for storage of the semen.
 - 2.1.9. That the donor bull is not derived from micro-manipulation, nor genetic engineering, nor cloning.
- 2.4. A certificate from a Government Veterinary Officer of the country of origin, signed within 7 days immediately preceding the date of shipment, stating that the Foot & Mouth Disease, Rinderpest, Vesicular Stomatitis, Blue tongue, Jembrana Disease, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Theileriosis (except *T. mutans*), and when diluents containing egg yolk are used, Newcastle Disease of equal to or greater than an ICPI of 0.2, have not existed in the country of origin for the period from 6 months immediately prior to the collection of the semen to the date of the signing of the certificate; and certifying also that the person who completed the certificate required under Condition 3.2 is the authorized veterinarian in charge of the relevant A.I. Centre.
- 2.5. The semen was identified and stored since the end of the collection period until export, under the supervision of the Official Veterinarian in containers in which no biological material other than semen.
- 2.6. Prior to shipment, the semen transportation container was sealed by an official veterinarian with an official seal, bearing the number or mark to be recorded on the export certificate.