



VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORT OF PORCINE EMBRYOS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SECTION I

Exporting Country: CANADA

Issuing Authority: GOVERNMENT OF CANADA  
CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

USDA Import Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION II - Information Concerning Embryos

i) Location of Embryo Collection \_\_\_\_\_

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ii) Name/Address of accredited veterinarian responsible for the embryo collection team:

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iii) Name/Address of the embryo collection team:

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iv) Identification number or code on each ampoule or straw: \_\_\_\_\_

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v) Total number of embryo straws or ampoules in consignment: \_\_\_\_\_

vi) Markings of approved seal placed on shipping container: \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION III

i) Name of Consignor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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ii) Name of Consignee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION IV - Sanitary Information

1. Canada is free of foot and mouth disease (FMD), hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, and African swine fever.
2. \* The donor animals were born, raised and continuously resident in Canada.

or

The donor animals have been legally imported into Canada from



- either \*      a)      a country recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture as free of foot and mouth disease, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, and African swine fever as listed in Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 94, Section 94.1, and the donor animals have been free of any post-entry import quarantine restrictions and able to move freely within the national herd for a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the collection of germplasm for export to the United States;
- or \*            b)      a country not recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture as free of foot and mouth disease, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease and African swine fever and the donor animals have been free of any post-entry import quarantine restrictions and able to move freely within the national herd for a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the collection of germplasm for export to the United States.

\*            Delete as appropriate.

3.      During the sixty (60) days prior to the collection of the embryos, the donor dams were examined and found to be free from signs of infectious or contagious disease. If natural service or fresh semen is used, then the donor sire has been similarly examined and found to be free from signs of infectious or contagious disease.
  4.      During the sixty (60) days prior to the collection of the embryos, the donor dams (and donor sires if natural breeding or fresh semen are used) were not corralled, pastured or held with other animals that were under restrictions that would make them ineligible for export to the United States.
  5.      During the twelve (12) months prior to the collection of embryos for export to the United States, there has been no evidence of hog cholera, porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS), brucellosis, or tuberculosis found in the donor dam or sire or in any herd in which they were resident during that time period.
  6.      All donor animals of embryos collected for export to the United States reside in herds officially free of tuberculosis and brucellosis in accordance with Canadian standards for at least the two (2) years prior to collection of embryos for export to the United States.
  7.      The embryos must be washed in accordance with the standards of the IETS, as described in the current IETS Manual.
  8.      After the last wash, each embryo was microscopically examined over its entire surface at not less than fifty (50) X magnification and the zona pellucida was confirmed to be intact and free of any adherent material subsequent to washing.
  9.      After washing and examination of the zona pellucida, the embryos were packaged in sterile ampoules or straws and shipped in a sterile, thermally controlled container. The donor dam and sire's identification, breed, the date of embryo collection, the identification of the embryo collection team, and a unique identification number was indelibly recorded or marked on each ampoule or straw.
- If any of this information is provided in code, deciphering information has been provided in the accompanying health certificate.
10.     All equipment used to handle the embryo was new or sterilized between each procedure and standard sterile procedures have been observed.
  11.     The storage and shipping container has been examined by the veterinarian issuing the health certificate and found empty of embryos and other biological materials prior to use for export of embryos to the United States. The container was cleaned and disinfected prior to use.
  12.     The embryos have been maintained in the custody of the veterinarian issuing the health certificate until they were placed in the shipping container and sealed with an official seal. The markings on the seal have been recorded on the health certificate.

#### NOTES

1.      The shipment must be routed directly to the United States with no stops en route other than those provided on the USDA import permit.
2.      The importer or the importer's agent must present the USDA port veterinarian at the first port of entry with an original health certificate and the original import permit for the embryos.
3.      The shipping container and all straws and ampoules containing embryos must be made available to the

