



**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
EXPORT OF BOVINE EMBRYOS TO BELIZE**

**SECTION I**

**Exporting Country:** CANADA  
**Issuing Authority:** GOVERNMENT OF CANADA  
CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY

**SECTION II**

i) **Name of Consignor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ii) **Name of Consignee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III - Information Concerning Embryos**

i) **Name of approved veterinarian responsible for the embryo collection team:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ii) **Name, address and official approval number of the embryo collection team responsible for export:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
iii) **Total number of embryo straws in consignment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
iv) **Markings of official seal placed on shipping container:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV - SANITARY INFORMATION**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, duly authorized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), hereby certify, after due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, that:

1. The bovine embryos are in vivo derived or in vitro fertilized embryos.
2. The bovine embryos were conceived as the result of artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization, with semen from a donor sire standing at a semen collection centre approved by the CFIA for the collection, processing and storage of semen or with semen legally imported into Canada.
3. The embryos were collected from domestic animals of the bovine species free of clinical signs of diseases not included in Category 1 of the International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS) classification.
4. The donor females have not been imported from another country during the previous 60 days and were in the herd of origin for at least 30 days prior to the collection.
5. The collection, processing and storage of embryos was performed by an embryo collection team which includes at least one veterinarian and which is subject to inspection at least once a year by an official veterinarian to ensure compliance with the sanitary collection, processing and storage of embryos.
6. The embryo collection team has not collected, processed and stored embryos in an infected zone with regards to foot and mouth disease and classical swine fever.
7. The laboratory is under the direct supervision of the team veterinarian and is regularly inspected by an official veterinarian.

8. When embryos for export were handled prior to their storage in straws, no embryo of lesser status were processed.
9. The embryos were washed at least ten times with at least 100-fold dilution between each wash, and a fresh sterile pipette was used to transfer the embryos through each wash.
10. Only embryos from the same donor were washed together.
11. The zona pellucida of each embryo, after washing, was examined over its entire surface area at no less than 50X magnification to ensure that it is intact and free of adherent material.
12. The collection, processing, storage, quarantine and transport of the bovine embryos is in conformity with the provisions of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Collection and Processing of Embryos/Ova, and follow the recommendations of the IETS Manual.
13. The shipping container is either new or has been cleaned and disinfected in an approved manner. Only fresh liquid nitrogen has been used in preparing the container for export. An official seal has been placed on the shipping container.

SAMPLE

**SECTION V- IDENTIFICATION OF EMBRYOS**

Breed	Name of Dam	Dam registration number	Name of Sire	Sire registration number	Embryos Collection date	Number of straws	Identification of straws

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Approved Veterinarian responsible for Embryo Collection Team

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Official Veterinarian  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
Government of Canada

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Export Stamp

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Name of Official Veterinarian (in printed letters)