PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1 IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD

1.1 Pursuant to section 22 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, this document is the Import Health Standard for importation into New Zealand of bovine semen from the Switzerland.

1.2 Obtaining biosecurity clearance for each consignment of bovine semen imported into New Zealand from Switzerland is dependent upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this Import Health Standard.

1.3 This Import Health Standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in New Zealand's import policy or the animal health status of Switzerland, or for any other
lawful reason, at the discretion of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager.

2 IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The costs of MAF in performing functions relating to the importation of bovine semen shall be recovered in accordance with the Biosecurity Act and any regulations made under that Act.

2.2 All costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining a biosecurity direction and/or biosecurity clearance shall be borne by the importer or importer’s agent.

2.3 The Biosecurity (Imported Animals, Embryo and Semen Information) Regulations 1999 place obligations on owners (including any subsequent owners) or persons in charge of imported sheep, goats, cattle and deer and imported genetic material (semen and embryos) of these species.

2.4 A copy of the Regulations can be obtained from the website: http://www.legislation.govt.nz

A document explaining the owner’s obligations can be obtained from Animal Imports, Pre-Clearance Directorate, Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Biosecurity clearance
As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993

Biosecurity Standards Group Manager
The Biosecurity Standards Group Manager, Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, or any person who for the time being may lawfully exercise and perform the power and functions of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager

Bovine
Animals with the scientific name *Bos taurus* or *Bos indicus*

Equivalence
Acceptance by the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard
Herd of origin
The herd in which the donor animal resided prior to entering the semen collection centre. If the donor animal has been on the semen collection centre for more than 90 days the semen collection centre can be deemed to be the herd of origin.

MAF
The New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

New Zealand Inspector
As defined by the Biosecurity Act 1993

Official Veterinarian
A veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country to perform certain designated official tasks associated with animal health and/or public health and inspections of commodities and, when appropriate, to certify in conformity with the provisions of the Section 1.2 of the Terrestrial Code pertaining to principles of certification and Council Directive 96/93/EC.

Terrestrial Code
The Office International des Epizooties Terrestrial Animal Health Code

Semen collection period
A period of 60 days or less

4 EQUIVALENCE
This Import Health Standard is in accordance with agreements between the exporting country and New Zealand. Biosecurity clearance will not normally be given to a consignment that does not meet the requirements of this Import Health Standard in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter a consignment does not comply with the requirements of this Import Health Standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence submitted prior to importation will be considered and may be given at the discretion of the Biosecurity Standards Group Manager, if the following information is provided by the exporting country’s veterinary authority:

4.1 the clause(s) of the Import Health Standard that cannot be met and how this has occurred

4.2 the reason(s) why the consignment may be considered of equivalent health status to a consignment complying with this Import Health Standard, and/or what proposal is made to achieve an equivalent health status

4.3 the reason(s) why the veterinary authority believes this proposal should be acceptable to MAF and their recommendation for its acceptance.
PART B. IMPORTATION PROCEDURE

5 PERMIT TO IMPORT

5.1 A permit to import must be obtained from Animal Imports, Pre-Clearance Directorate, Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand.

5.2 An import permit is required to enable the traceability of genetic material within New Zealand in order to comply with the *Biosecurity (Imported Animals, Embryo and Semen Information) Regulations 1999*.

5.3 The importer must supply the following information:

- 5.3.1 name and address of exporter
- 5.3.2 name, address and approval/registration number of the semen collection centre
- 5.3.3 species of donor animal(s)
- 5.3.4 number of straws to be imported
- 5.3.5 name and address of importer.

5.4 The permit to import will be issued for a single consignment. Attached to, and an integral part of the permit to import, is the current Import Health Standard that describes the conditions under which the semen may be imported into New Zealand.

6 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Only frozen bovine semen from Switzerland is eligible for importation under this Import Health Standard.

6.2 A consignment may consist of semen collected from several donors.

6.3 All straws must be clearly marked with the identification of the donor animal and the date of collection. If a code is used for this information, the decipher must accompany the consignment.

7 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT

7.1 The consignment shall be accompanied by the permit to import and all appropriately completed health certification that meets the requirements of PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION including laboratory test results for the tests specified in Section 4 of the Zoosanitary Certificate.

7.2 It is the importer’s responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this Import Health Standard is original (unless otherwise
specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity direction and/or clearance or cause the rejection of the consignment.

7.3 Documentation must be in English but may be bilingual with a language understood by the Official Veterinarian of the exporting country. The second language must be written below the English on the same certificate and in the event of any differences, the English version will prevail.

7.4 The official veterinarian of the exporting country must sign, date and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate and any documents that form part of the extended certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and print.

PART C. CLEARANCE PROCEDURE

8 BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

8.1 Upon arrival in New Zealand the documentation accompanying the consignment shall be inspected by an Inspector at the port of arrival. The Inspector may also inspect the consignment.

8.2 Providing that the documentation meets all requirements noted under PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION and the consignment meets the conditions of ELIGIBILITY, the consignment may, subject to sections 27 and 28 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, be given a biosecurity clearance pursuant to section 26 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the consignment will be released to the importer.

PART D. ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATION

9 NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of bovine semen into New Zealand from Switzerland:
MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: BOVINE SEMEN
To: NEW ZEALAND

Import permit number: ..................................................................................................................

Exporting Country: SWITZERLAND
Competent Authority: ..................................................................................................................

I. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR BULLS

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II. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEMEN

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<th>Date(s) of collection (including batch number)</th>
<th>Straw identification</th>
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Total number of straws in consignment: ...........................................................................................

III. ORIGIN OF THE SEMEN

Name, address and approval/registration number of semen collection centre: ...........................
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Name and address of exporter: ...........................................................................................................
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IV. DESTINATION OF SEMEN

Name and address of importer: ...........................................................................................................
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V. SANITARY INFORMATION
VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I, ................................................................................., an Official Veterinarian authorised by the Government of Switzerland certify, after due inquiry, with respect to the donor bulls and semen identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1 Country freedom statement

1.1 Switzerland is free from the following diseases according to the specifications for country freedom in the Terrestrial Code: bluetongue, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, lumpy skin disease, rinderpest and vesicular stomatitis.

1.2 Switzerland is free of epizootic haemorrhagic disease.

2 Donor bulls and the semen collection centre

2.1 The donor bulls were:

Either 2.1.1 born and reared in Switzerland

Or 2.1.2 imported into Switzerland and have lived in the herd of origin for at least 30 days immediately prior to entering the semen collection centre.

(Delete as appropriate)

2.2 The donor bulls were resident in a semen collection centre for a continuous period of at least 30 days prior to the date of collection of semen for this consignment. The semen collection centre is approved for collection of semen for export in accordance with the provisions specified in EU Directive 88/407/EEC as last amended.

2.3 The herd(s) of origin of the donor bulls and the semen collection centre were free from any disease notifiable under EU legislation from 90 days before the first semen collection until 30 days after the last semen collection for this consignment.

2.4 During the time the donor bulls were on the semen collection centre they were not used for natural mating and were isolated from animals not of equivalent health status.

2.5 The semen collection centre is approved by the Swiss Veterinary Authority to collect bovine semen for export and is regularly inspected by an official veterinarian.

Date of last inspection: ...........................................................................................................
3 Semen collection

3.1 The semen was collected, processed and stored under the supervision of an officially approved semen collection centre veterinarian in accordance with the provisions specified in EU Directive 88/407/EEC as last amended.

3.2 On the day(s) of collection of the semen the donor bulls were free from any clinical evidence of infectious diseases caused by micro-organisms transmissible in semen.

4 Testing

4.1 Q fever: Between 21 and 60 days after the completion of a semen collection period (a period of 60 days or less for semen to be exported to New Zealand) the donor bulls were tested with negative results for Q fever using an ELISA.

Date(s) of sample collection: ............................................................................................
Date(s) of semen collection period: ...................................................................................

4.2 All testing was conducted at a laboratory approved by the Veterinary Authority to conduct export testing. Laboratory results or certified copies of the results, for the Q fever test are attached.

5 Processing, storage and transport of the semen

5.1 The names and concentrations of antibiotics included in the semen diluent are as follows:
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5.2 All straws are clearly marked with the identification of the donor animal and the date of collection.

5.3 The semen was stored only with other semen or embryos eligible for export to New Zealand. The containers were held in an approved storage place under the supervision of the semen collection centre veterinarian until export.

5.4 The semen was placed in new or sterilised transport containers filled with fresh (previously unused) liquid nitrogen.

Method of sterilisation (if applicable): ...............................................................................  
Date of sterilisation (if applicable): .....................................................................................

5.5 Prior to export the semen transport container was sealed by either the semen collection centre veterinarian or an official veterinarian, using a seal bearing the marks: ...............
Official stamp:

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Name and signature of Official Veterinarian
Date: ..............................................................................
Name and address of office: ........................................................................................................
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NB. Official stamp must be applied to all pages