



# Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (Guidance)

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## 1 Purpose

- (1) This guidance document has been issued to accompany *Canine and Feline Semen to Great Britain (OMAR)*. This guidance document should be read in conjunction with that OMAR.

## 2 Additional information

- (1) Further information taken from the requirements for the importation of canine and feline semen to Great Britain suggests:
- (2) The donor animal must be permanently identifiable by a microchip or a clearly readable tattoo applied before 3 July 2011.
- (3) Immediately before the first collection of semen, the donor animal must be scanned for its microchip or the tattoo read.
- (4) Immediately before the first collection of semen, the donor animal must be subjected to a veterinary examination and show no clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
- (5) At least fifteen (15) days after the collection of semen, the donor animal must be subjected to a veterinary examination and show no clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.
- (6) The semen must be consigned in sealed ampoules or straws, each ampoule or straw must be permanently identified and the identification mark of each noted on the veterinary certificate.
- (7) The sealed ampoules or straws containing the semen must be securely packed in a container, on arrival at the destination address, any wrapping must be incinerated and all non-disposal items must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.
- (8) Consignments may only be imported into the UK through an approved Border Inspection Post, and must undergo a veterinary check in accordance with *The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011*, *The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011* and *The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (as Amended)*.
- (9) Consignments must be pre notified to the relevant Border Inspection Post before arrival in Great Britain by completion of Part 1 of the common Veterinary Entry Document or by electronic means as agreed with the Border Inspection Post competent authority.
- (10) *The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA)* prohibits the breeding from certain breeds of dogs that are banned under the Act. Refer to the DDA before planning an import of canine semen into Great Britain. Further information is available at GOV.UK.

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