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The Artificial Insemination of Pigs
(England and Wales) Regulations 1964

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Definitions



2.-(1) In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires-

"approved boar" means a boar kept at an artificial insemination centre for the purpose of the production of permitted semen, and approved by the Minister for the purpose, subject to such conditions as the Minister may specify;

"artificial insemination centre" means premises in respect of which a licence is in force under regulation 4(1) of these regulations;

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Prohibition of distribution and sale of semen



3.-(1) A person shall not distribute or sell semen except under the authority of a licence issued by the Minister and for the time being in force.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall require the authority of a licence for-

- (a) the use of semen to inseminate a sow in the same ownership as that semen;
- (b) the sale or transfer of semen by a former owner of the boar from which it was collected to the present owner of that boar; or
- (c) the delivery of semen to an artificial insemination centre or a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner for the purpose of storage and the delivery or re-delivery of that semen to its owner for the time being by the centre or the person with whom it has been deposited.

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Licensing of artificial insemination centres



4.-(1) The Minister may grant a licence to a person in respect of premises maintained by him authorising him, subject to the provisions of these regulations and to such conditions as may be specified in the licence,

- (a) to distribute or sell permitted semen to an artificial insemination centre or to a Scottish centre; and
- (b) to distribute permitted semen by inseminating sows with it.

(3) A licence granted under this regulation may authorise the person to whom the licence is granted to distribute or sell permitted semen to persons or in ways other than those referred to in paragraph (1) hereof.

(4) In these regulations "permitted semen" means, in relation to any artificial insemination centre

- (a) semen collected from approved boars at that centre;
- (b) semen acquired from another artificial insemination centre or from a Scottish centre; and
- (c) such other semen as the Minister from time to time authorises the licensee of the centre in writing to use as permitted semen,

being in each case semen which is for the time being in the possession or under the control of the licensee of the centre.

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Provisions relating to animal health



• 7.-(1) Semen, whether permitted semen or otherwise, shall not without the written consent of a veterinary officer of the Minister be-

- (a) used for insemination in a prohibited area;
 - (b) despatched from any part of an artificial insemination centre which lies in a prohibited area; or
 - (c) moved out of a prohibited area:
- Provided that semen may be used without such consent as aforesaid to inseminate a sow in a prohibited area if the semen is in the same ownership as the sow and has never left the possession of the owner.
- (2) In this regulation "prohibited area" means-
 - (a) an infected area within the meaning of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 for the purpose of preventing the spread of foot-and-mouth disease; or
 - (b) an infected place within the meaning of the said Act for the purpose of preventing the spread of swine fever; or
 - (c) premises in relation to which the movement of swine is restricted by virtue of a notice under any order made under the said Act and relating to foot-and-mouth disease or swine fever.

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Regulation of artificial insemination centres



- 5.-(1) The following provisions of this regulation shall apply to every artificial insemination centre.
- The collection, processing and storage of permitted semen, and insemination with such semen, by or on behalf of the licensee of the centre, shall be carried out under the effective supervision and control of a veterinary surgeon approved by the Minister for the purpose.
- No person, unless approved by the Minister for the purpose, shall be employed by the licensee of the centre in the collection, processing or storage of permitted semen, or to inseminate with such semen.
- No part of the centre, unless approved by the Minister for the purpose, shall be used for the collection, processing or storage of permitted semen.
- No part of the centre, unless approved by the Minister for the purpose, shall be used for the processing or storage of semen (whether of boars or of other animals) other than permitted semen.
- Animals or poultry may not be brought into or kept at the centre without the consent of the Minister, or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of such consent.
- Subject to such exceptions as may be specified in the licence, semen other than permitted semen shall not be brought into such parts of the centre as have been approved by the Minister for the purposes of paragraph (4) of this regulation, and shall not be collected, processed or stored by means of, or in, equipment which is used for the collection, processing or storage of permitted semen.
- If a boar from which permitted semen has been collected at an artificial insemination centre or a Scottish centre has since died or been slaughtered, or has ceased to be kept at such a centre, that semen shall not knowingly be distributed or sold by the licensee of any artificial insemination centre without the consent of the Minister. The licensee of the centre shall maintain the premises to which the licence relates and the equipment thereof in good condition and repair.

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RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY LICENCE HOLDERS



1. The following records shall be kept of each distribution (otherwise than by direct insemination) or sale of semen by the holder of the licence:-
 - (1) The date of distribution or sale.
 - (2) The name and address of the acquirer.
2. The following records shall be kept of each insemination carried out under the authority of the licence:-
 - (1) The name and address of the owner of the sow.
 - (2) The date and place of insemination.
 - (3) The address at which the sow is normally kept.
 - (4) Particulars in relation to the sow-
 - (a) breed or type;
 - (b) colour;
 - (c) earmarks (if any).
 - (5) The name and breed of the boar from which the semen was collected.

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Summary



- Semen can only be used on sows owned by owner of the boar.
- If the boar is sold to a new owner the semen can be sold to the new owner
- Semen can be moved to vet surgery or another licenced centre for storage
- Other sales and movements can be licenced
- No health testing or quarantine for boars
- No specification for the premises
- Health restrictions only apply to disease control zones.
- Minimal record keeping

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The Bovine
Semen (England) Regulations
2007

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Unlicensed Premises



- The Legislation refers to Domestic Licenced Premises and Unlicensed Premises
- Unlicensed Premises means Farms and so allows for on farm collection

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Testing



- The bovine animals have been subjected to the following tests within the 28 days preceding
- the date of admission to a domestic collection centre or to unlicensed premises, with negative
- results—
- (a) for bovine tuberculosis, an intradermal tuberculin test carried out in accordance with the
- procedure laid down in Annex B to Directive 64/432/EEC;
- (b) for bovine brucellosis, a serological test carried out in accordance with the procedure
- described in Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC; and
- (c) for enzootic bovine leukosis, a serological test carried out in accordance with the
- procedure laid down in Annex D (Chapter II) to Directive 64/432/EEC.

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Testing



- Domestic testing is either done in an approved domestic centre or on farm in a housing facility on farm approved by the OV.
- The only mandatory licensing tests required are as above– TB, Brucella and EBL.
- Some companies advise farmers to carry out additional testing

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Processing and storage



- The processing must take place in a separate lab that has a domestic processing licence, and the same is true of quarantine and storage all of which are given a separate domestic licence and are inspected separately by APHA. If domestic and EU semen are mixed, the EU semen loses its status

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