

**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE
EXPORT OF EQUINE OOCYTES TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

SECTION I

Exporting Country: **CANADA**

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

Region: _____

If shipped by air USDA Import Permit Number: _____

SECTION II - Information Concerning Oocytes

i) **Location of Oocytes Collection** _____

ii) **Name/Address of team veterinarian approved under the Canadian Embryo Export Approval Program (EEAP) who is responsible for the collection team:**

iii) **Name/Address of the collection team:** _____

iv) **Identification number or code on each straw:** _____

v) **Total number of oocytes straw/ampules in consignment:** _____

vi) **Markings of approved seal placed on shipping container:** _____

SECTION III

i) **Name of Consignor:** _____

Address: _____

ii) **Name of Consignee:** _____

Address: _____

SECTION IV - SANITARY CERTIFICATION

COUNTRY CERTIFICATIONS

1. Canada is free of African horse sickness (AHS).
2. Canada has import procedures in place to insure horses with AHS are not entered into the country.

DONOR ANIMAL CERTIFICATIONS

1. The donor animals have been in Canada no less than 60 days, and are free from any import restrictions.
2. The herd of origin of the donor animals has been free, for not less than six months, from dourine, glanders, equine infectious anemia (EIA) and equine viral arteritis (EVA).
3. The donor animals were inspected by the approved team veterinarian collecting the oocytes on the date of collection and were found free of signs of contagious and infectious disease.
4. The donor animals have not been used for natural breeding for a period not less than 60 days prior to the oocyte collection.

TEST CERTIFICATIONS

1. The mare was born in Canada or legally imported into Canada.
2. The donor animals were serologically tested for equine infectious anemia (EIA) and found negative within 30 days of collection of the oocytes.

PROCESSING CERTIFICATIONS

1. The oocyte collection was performed in a sanitary manner under the supervision of the approved team veterinarian. The approved team veterinarian is responsible for the supervision of processing and storage of oocytes.
2. No oocytes of a lesser health status were processed at the same time as the oocytes for export to the U.S.
3. All equipment used to process the oocytes were new or were sterilized between each donor.
4. The collection facility is constructed with materials which permit effective cleaning and disinfecting.
5. During collection and handling of the oocytes, any biological product of animal origin used in media or solutions for collection, washing or storage is free of pathogenic microorganisms, and equipment is sterilized by approved methods according to the Manual of the International Embryo Technology Society, fifth edition (IETS Manual). Fetal bovine serum or serum albumin must be sourced from Canada, U.S., Australia or New Zealand, or must undergo irradiation treatment prior to use.
6. Only oocytes from the same donor were handled and processed at the same time.

STORAGE AND SHIPPING

1. The oocytes were processed for immediate shipment. The oocytes were stored separate from any oocytes not collected for shipment to the U.S.
2. Straws/ampules contain only oocytes obtained from the same donor, and have been identified in with the name of the donor, date of collection and number of oocytes in each straw/ampule. Straws/ampules should be numbered sequentially starting at 1(one) if more than one ampoule/straw per donor dam is included in the shipment.
3. The oocytes were maintained under approved conditions under the supervision of the approved team veterinarian responsible for the collection until they were placed in the shipping container and sealed by a full-time salaried veterinarian with the seals approved by the Government of Canada.
4. The storage and shipping container was examined by the approved team veterinarian and found to be empty of oocytes and other biological materials prior to use for exporting oocytes to the United States.
5. The oocytes are contained in a shipping container which at the time of export was sealed with an approved seal, and the seal markings are recorded in Section II (v) of this certificate.

