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Import of Porcine Semen

Import Information Note (IIN) PSTC/2

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1. General Information

This Import Information Note (IIN) must be read in conjunction with the IIN for general information for imports of live animals and germplasm, which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.

[General information for imports of live animals and germplasm \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)

References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU Legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 and can be viewed on the UK legislation website ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

2. Scope

Import conditions for porcine semen into Great Britain (GB).

3. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from trading partners listed in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers. See the documents for porcine semen at the links below.

- [Non-EU countries](#)
- [EU and EFTA countries](#)

4. Approved collection and production teams

All semen, ova and embryos must be collected in approved centres and by approved teams in accordance with the Balai Regime. Lists of approved centres and teams are available on gov.uk:

- [List of approved centres and teams](#)
- [List of EU approved establishments](#)

5. Conditions

Only porcine semen which meets the requirements of Directive 90/429/EEC may be imported into GB:

- it must have been collected, processed, stored and transported in accordance with the requirements of chapter I and II of Annex A of the Directive 90/429; and
- the semen collection centre has been officially approved by the competent authority of the third country, which is under the supervision of a centre veterinarian; and
- is subjected to inspections by an official veterinarian of the third country concerned at least twice a year; and

6. Health certification/documentation

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate, which can be found on GOV.UK.

[Porcine germinal products: model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

7. Dealer requirements

All dealers who wish to trade in porcine semen from the EU are required, at the request of the competent authority, to register in an official register before any trade begins. Dealers are also required to keep a record of all deliveries, consignments and their destinations.

8. Contact for further information

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the APHA Imports team:

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