

## ADDITIONAL CONDITION TO IMPORT OF BOVINE SEMEN INTO SABAH

A.	Product	Semen
B.	Origin	Australia
C.	Purpose	Artificial Insemination

### D. Requirements for importation:

#### 1. **Import License**

Each consignment of semen shall be accompanied by a valid import license issued by the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) Sabah permitting the importation into Sabah

#### 2. **Veterinary Health Certificate**

a. The veterinary certificate attesting that:

i. Australia is free from Foot and Mouth Disease, Bluetongue, Brucellosis (*Brucella abortus*), Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Lumpy Skin Disease, Rinderpest, Vesicular stomatitis and other infectious or contagious diseases lesions with favorable results.

b. i The semen in the consignment is derived from animals which have :-

- a. Have never been used for natural service; or
- b. Have only mated virgin heifers; or
- c. Have had been kept in the artificial insemination centre for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the date of collection.

Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (EBL): -

ii. Attesting that :

- a) If less than two years of age, the bull came from a serologically negative 'uterine' dam; or
- b) The bull was subjected to diagnostic tests for EBL on blood samples on two occasions with negative results, the first test being carried out at least 30 days before and the second test at least 90 days after collection of the semen,

Bovine bluetongue (BTV)

iii. Attesting that :

1. The donor males :
  - a. Showed no clinical sign of bluetongue on the day of collection;

AND

- b. Were kept in a vector-protected establishment for at least 60 days before commencement of, and during, collection of the semen; or
- c. Were subjected to a serological test to detect antibodies to the BTV group, with negative results, between 28 and 60 days after each collection for this consignment: or
- d. Were subjected to an agent identification test on blood samples collected at commencement and conclusion of, and at least 7 days (virus isolation test) or at least every 28 days (PCR test) during, semen collection for this consignment, with negative results.

iv. In the 6 months prior to the date of initial collection of semen for this consignment, the donor animals shall be examined and certified free from any clinical evidence of Foot and Mouth Disease, Bovine Genital Campylobacteriosis, Bovine Tuberculosis, Anthrax, Enzootic Bovine Leukosis, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis/ Infectious Pustular Vulvovaginitis, Leptospirosis and Trichomoniasis, and any other infectious or contagious disease or notifiable diseases known to be transmitted via semen.

3 **Semen Collection Centre**

The donor bull were resident in the semen collection centre under veterinary supervision for at least six (6) months prior to the collection of semen for this consignment.

4. **The approved semen collection centre shall be certified :**

- a. Is approved by the Australia veterinary authority as having facilities suitable for collecting, processing, and storing semen.
- b. Is under the direct supervision and sanitary control of a centre veterinarian who is approved by Australia veterinary authority and is responsible for hygiene of the centre and the health of the animals.
- c. Is regularly inspected by a veterinary officer approved by the Australia veterinary authority.

5. **Pre and Post Collection requirements**

- a. During the pre-collection period the donor bulls did not perform natural service.
- b. The donor bull have been tested with negative results within 12 month period immediately prior to semen collection for the following diseases : -

i. *Campylobacter fetus, veneralis* using culture examination of preputial washings.

ii. *Trichomonas fetus* using microscopic examination and culture examination of preputial washings

iii. Bovine tuberculosis using an intradermal test applied to the caudal fold using bovine tuberculin. Results were read after 72 hours.

6. **Transportation**

a. Only new or sterilized containers and fresh nitrogen not previously used for any other purpose may be used for the storage of the semen.

b. The container shall be sealed by an official veterinarian using a seal bearing with marks.

7.. **Inspections by Department of Veterinary Services, Sabah, Malaysia**

The Artificial Insemination may be subjected to inspection by the Department of Veterinary Services, Sabah, Malaysia at any time as and when deemed necessary.

8. **Suspension of import**

The Director of Department of Veterinary Services, Sabah may at any time when deemed necessary suspend the importation of semen either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks or in case of importation in contravention of the above requirements.

9. **Right to amend import requirements**

The Director of Department of Veterinary Services, Sabah reserves the right to amend the above requirements at any time as he may deem necessary.

10. **Arrival**

The confirmed time of arrival should be made known to the Animal Quarantine Office at Kota Kinabalu International Airport or MAS CARGO Tel : 088 – 413401/ 413400 (fax), at least 2 days in advance.