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Porcine semen import conditions

When pig semen is to be used for the impregnation of sows, it must be accompanied by an **Export Health Certificate** signed by the overseas ***Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating that:

- a) Semen originates from a reputable Artificial Insemination or semen production center and the following details must be sent along with the semen.
 - (i) Identification, breed and date of birth of donor Boars
 - (ii) Date of semen collection
 - (iii) Number of ampoules or straws
- (b) The International Health certificate which accompanies semen, must state the following:
 - (i) Donor animal (s) and teasers were born and raised in the country where semen the production center exist
 - (ii) That the country of origin is free of Foot and Mouth Disease, Vesicular Stomatitis, Hog Cholera, Swine Erysipelas, Swine Vesicular disease, Vesicular Exanthema and African Swine Fever.
 - (iii) Donor animal(s) have never been used for natural service or have only served gilts.
 - (iv) Donor animal (s) were kept in an Artificial Insemination center where one year before the first semen collection and thirty days after last collection of semen for export to the BVI, the animals at the Artificial Insemination Center have been tested and / or certified free from clinical and other evidence of Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, Rabies, Trichomoniasis and Leptospirosis.
 - (v) The animal (s) were not vaccinated against Brucellosis or Leptospirosis during the same period
 - (vi) Donor animal (s) progeny and ancestry have no known evidence of genetic defect.

***An official Health certificate is a document issued and certified by a Veterinarian working full time with the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed Veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a Government Veterinarian.**

Please be advised that these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, the granting of permission for animals to enter the British Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry. It is your

responsibility to contact the Veterinary Division, Department of Agriculture to confirm that these conditions are current.

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