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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**IMPORTER**  
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**Permit No: 13/1/1/15/2/  
Valid from:  
Expiry date:**

**Veterinary Import Permit For Horse Semen**  
(Issued in terms of the Animal Diseases Act 1984)

With reference to permit no: ..... dated .....

issued in your favour by the Registrar, Animal Improvement Act, 1998, authority is hereby granted to introduce into the Republic of South Africa

..... straws of frozen horse semen from .....,  
from (Consignee – full name and address)

provided that the following conditions are complied with :

1. The consignment must be accompanied by:

- a) This original Veterinary Import Permit
- b) A certificate issued by a veterinarian authorised thereto by the Veterinary Administration of  
, certifying the following:

A. The semen:

i) is identified in the following way:

- a) Donor stallion's identification
- b) Donor stallion's Health Certificate number
- c) Breed of donor
- d) Number of straws
- e) Capacity of straws
- f) Colour of straws
- g) Number of straws per insemination
- h) Number of inseminations per dose
- i) Date(s) of collection
- j) Straw markings

ii) was collected, processed, stored and transported under conditions which are under the control and supervision of a veterinarian approved by the supreme veterinary authority of the exporting country.

B. The semen referred to above was collected at an official artificial insemination centre  
( Name) (Address) (Registration number), under the control and supervision of a veterinarian approved by the supreme veterinary authority.

The insemination centre:

- i) is approved and supervised by a veterinarian approved by the supreme veterinary authority of the exporting country.
- ii) is situated in a State which was, on the day the semen was collected until the 30 days mandatory storage period for the frozen semen elapsed, free of African Horse Sickness, Vesicular Stomatitis, Equine Encephalomyelitis and Dourine.
- iii) contained, during the period commencing 30 days prior to semen collection until the 30 days mandatory storage period for frozen semen elapsed, only equidae which were free of clinical signs of Equine Viral Arteritis and Contagious Equine Metritis

C. The donor stallions

- i) had been continuously resident at the A.I. Centre concerned for a period of at least 30 days prior to the collection of the semen and in that time:
  - a) had not been used for natural service.
  - b) had not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.
  - c) had been kept on holdings where no equidae showed clinical signs of equine viral arteritis.
- ii) have been in exporting country for a continuous period of at least 2 months prior to collection of semen ;
- iii) emanate from premises which have been free of equine infectious anaemia, equine encephalomyelitis, contagious equine metritis, borna disease and surra for at least 12 months prior to the collection of semen, and in the case of contagious equine metritis, since the commencement of the previous breeding season;
- iv) were tested for glanders, and for dourine, with negative results within 30 days prior to collection of semen or, alternatively, that the exporting country is free of these diseases;
- v) were examined by him on the day of collection of semen and found to be clinically healthy and free of communicable diseases to which the species is susceptible;
- vi) have passed with negative results the agargel immuno-diffusion or coggins test for equine infectious anaemia within 21 days prior to collection of semen;
- vii) were tested three (3) times for contagious equine metritis at intervals of not less than seven (7) days within the 30 days immediately prior to collection of semen. Swabs were taken from the sheath, urethra and urethral fossa for each of the three tests. After testing the animal was kept in isolation until the time of collection of semen, in premises certified free of contagious equine metritis ; and
- viii) have been subjected to two (2) negative serological tests for equine viral arteritis with an interval of 21 days between tests ; the test was within 21 days of collection of semen.
- ix) **Special condition:**

*Note: Dates when tests were done must be specified*

2. The consignment must be :
  - (a) adequately, securely and hygienically packed ;
  - (b) conveyed by air to Johannesburg International Airport.
3. The arrival of the consignment must be reported to the Quarantine Master at O.R. Tambo (Johannesburg)/Durban/Cape Town.
4. Once the semen arrives in South Africa it will be kept under the supervision of the Quarantine Master and straws as required [(one 5ml), (one 2,5ml), (two 0,5ml)] from each stallion will be submitted to an approved laboratory for EVA testing. Only after negative results are obtained, will the semen be released to Dr \_\_\_\_\_, a veterinarian. The cost of testing will be for the importers account.
5. Dr \_\_\_\_\_ will test breed two (2) mares. The mares must be seronegative for EVA on the day of insemination and must remain seronegative when tested again 21 days after insemination.
  - 5.1. In the case of seronegative results, the Quarantine Master at O.R. Tambo (Johannesburg)/Durban/Cape Town is to be notified.
  - 5.2. In the case of seropositive results:
    - a) the Directorate Veterinary Services is to be notified within 24 hours
    - b) No further use of the semen is allowed.
6. The mares which have been inseminated with imported semen may not be removed from the property for a period of at least thirty (30) days after insemination and no other horses may be removed from the farm during this period except under cover of a permit issued by the State Veterinarian of the area.
7. Any illness or deaths of the horses during the period of restriction must immediately be reported to the State Veterinarian of the area.
8. The importer will keep accurate records of the use of the semen and all horses inseminated with this imported semen. These records will be made available to the Directorate Animal Health on request.
9. The containers and receptacles in which the semen is transported, as well as all insemination apparatus used must be disinfected to the satisfaction of the State Veterinarian concerned.
10. This permit is subject to amendment or cancellation by the Director Animal Health at any time and without prior notice being given.
11. This permit is valid for ONE CONSIGNMENT ONLY.

## **DIRECTOR: ANIMAL HEALTH**

### **NOTE:**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 any consignment imported into South Africa packed with either wood packing material or dunnage, will require treatment to remove any pests present (by heat or methyl bromide fumigation). Treatment must be indicated on packing material. [Enquiries: Directorate Plant Health & Quality Fax: 012 319 6350 or [www.nda.agric.za](http://www.nda.agric.za)]