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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 1319**

**The Bovine Semen (England) Regulations 2007**

**PART 1**

General Provisions

**Title, application and commencement**

1. These Regulations—
  - (a) may be cited as the Bovine Semen (England) Regulations 2007;
  - (b) apply in England only; and
  - (c) come into force on 22nd May 2007.

**Interpretation**

- 2.—(1) In these Regulations—
  - “bovine” includes the species *Bubalus bubalis* and *Bison bison*;
  - “bovine semen centre” means premises licensed under regulation 4;
  - “cattle identification regulations” means—
    - (a) [<sup>F1</sup>the Cattle Identification Regulations 2007;]
    - (b) Council Regulation 1760/2000, as amended from time to time (in the case of bovine animals born outside England);
  - “centre veterinarian” has the meaning given in regulation 5(b);
  - “Council Regulation 1760/2000” means Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products <sup>M1</sup> and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97<sup>M2</sup>, as amended from time to time;
  - “dam”, in the case of bovine animals derived from embryo transfer, means the recipient of the embryo;
  - “the Directive” means Council Directive 88/407/EEC laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species <sup>M3</sup>, as amended from time to time;
  - “Directive 64/432/EEC” means Council Directive 64/432/EEC on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine <sup>M4</sup>, as amended from time to time;
  - “domestic collection centre” has the meaning given in regulation 4(b)(ii);
  - “domestic storage centre” has the meaning given in regulation 4(c)(ii);
  - “<sup>F2</sup>licensed] collection centre” has the meaning given in regulation 4(b)(i);

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- “<sup>F2</sup>licensed] quarantine centre” has the meaning given in regulation 4(a);
- “<sup>F2</sup>licensed] storage centre” has the meaning given in regulation 4(c)(i);
- “fresh semen” means semen which has not been frozen;
- “inspector” means a person authorised in writing by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 10(4) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984;
- <sup>F3</sup>“licensed” means licensed by the Secretary of State;
- “processing” means one or more of—
- (a) diluting (except in the course of or immediately after semen collection),
  - (b) adding any substance with the intention of prolonging the natural life of the semen (except in the course of or immediately after semen collection),
  - (c) adding any antibiotic,
  - (d) packing into straws or other appropriate receptacles, and
  - (e) freezing;
- “straw” means a receptacle used to contain a single dose of semen;
- “teaser animal” means a bovine animal which is used as an aid in the collection of semen;
- “unlicensed premises” are premises that do not have a licence under regulation 4;
- <sup>F4</sup>“unlicensed processing premises” means unlicensed premises—
- (a) for the processing of semen—
    - (i) collected at unlicensed premises or at a domestic collection centre, and
    - (ii) not intended for <sup>F5</sup>trade with a member State], and
  - (b) supervised by the centre veterinarian of <sup>F6</sup>a licensed] collection centre;
- “veterinary surgeon” means a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner registered under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 <sup>M5</sup>.

(2) Expressions that are not defined in these Regulations and are used in the Directive have the same meaning in these Regulations as they have for the purposes of the Directive.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 2 substituted (1.6.2018) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/575\)](#), regs. 1(2), **39**
- F2** Word in [Regulations](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/782\)](#), **reg. 7(2)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/782\)](#), regs. 1, **7(3)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (6.4.2011) by [The Bovine Semen \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/454\)](#), regs. 1(c), **3**
- F5** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/782\)](#), regs. 1, **7(3)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Words in [Regulations](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/782\)](#), **reg. 7(2)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** OJ No. L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1.
- M2** OJ No L 117, 7.5.1997, p. 1.

- M3** OJ No. L 194, 22.7.1988, p. 10. As of the date of these Regulations, this Directive was last amended by Commission Decision 2006/16/EC (OJ No. L 11, 17.1.2006, p. 21).
- M4** OJ No. P 121, 29.7.1964, p. 1977. As of the date of these Regulations, this Directive was last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 (OJ No. L 94, 31.3.2004, p. 44.)
- M5** 1966 c.36.

### Exceptions

- 3.—(1) These Regulations do not apply where—
- (a) semen is collected for the purpose of the artificial insemination of a bovine animal with fresh semen;
  - (b) the bovine animal from which the semen is collected—
    - (i) is not, at the time of collection, affected by an Order made under sections 6(c), 8, 17, 23, 25, 26 or 29 of the Animal Health Act 1981 <sup>M6</sup>; or
    - (ii) is so affected, but the use of its semen is authorised by the Secretary of State; and
  - (c) when the bovine animal is inseminated—
    - (i) it is in the same ownership and the same herd as the bovine animal from which the semen was collected; and
    - (ii) it is kept on the same premises as that bovine animal.
- (2) These Regulations do not apply where semen is collected for the purpose of—
- (a) assessing the suitability of a bovine animal for use in breeding;
  - (b) diagnosing infection or disease in a bovine animal; or
  - (c) education or research,

provided the semen collected is not used for artificial insemination and is not the subject of [<sup>F7</sup>trade with a member State].

(3) These Regulations do not apply to research authorised under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 <sup>M7</sup>.

<sup>F8</sup>(4) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in [reg. 3\(2\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/782\)](#), regs. 1, [7\(4\)\(a\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F8** [Reg. 3\(4\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/782\)](#), regs. 1, [7\(4\)\(b\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

#### Marginal Citations

- M6** [1981 c.22](#). Section 17(4) was repealed by the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984, section 16(2) and Schedule 2.
- M7** [1986 c. 14](#).

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