



Devon Cattle Breeders' Society

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Guidance on Importing Germinal Products (semen, eggs, embryo)

From within the EU

DCBS is formally recognised as a breed society in the UK and across the EU. As such the operation of its herd book – Davy's Devon Herd Book – is fully compliant with EU Zootechnical Regulation. The chief purpose of the Zootechnical regulation is to ensure free, "frictionless" trade in live and germinal products between member states of the EU.

From outside the EU

As a recognised breed society in the UK and EU, DCBS requires any germinal products of the Devon breed, originating from a country outside of the EU (so called "third country"), to be registered in the herd book of a breed society listed on the EU's Third Country Bodies List. Animals registered in the herd book of a listed breed society, can be accepted into the Society's Davy's Devon Herd Book so that resulting progeny are eligible for registration. DCBS members considering importing pedigree registered Devon germinal products from countries outside of the EU, such as Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, and US, must establish at the outset that the breed society of origin is listed on the Third Country Bodies list:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/zootechnics/third_countries_en

Guidance on Exporting Germinal Products

Within the EU

See above for Imports. DCBS is an EU recognised breed society and whilst the UK is a member of the EU, other EU member states are obliged to recognise the DCBS as such and all animals registered in its herd book to be accepted into other herd books of the same breed within the EU.

Outside of the EU – eg: Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and USA

There are opportunities to sell UK Devon genetics to other countries with active populations of pedigree registered Devon Cattle, principally Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and USA. Uruguay also has a Breed Society and Canada has several herds which are registered with the Devon Herd Book, USA.

Exporting of genetics, be it semen or embryos, is strictly controlled by the laws and regulations of the importing country. The regulations are specific to the country. Therefore requirements can vary from country to country.

The UK Export Certification Partnership is a DEFRA/industry partnership that negotiates export health certificates on behalf of the UK and helps to draft export certificates that are needed before semen or embryos can be exported. You can find advice on their website www.ukecp.com.

In order to collect semen that is export-compliant it MUST be collected at a licensed centre. UK Sire Services, Devon is an independent UK licensed collection centre and the only licensed centre in the south of England.

We are grateful to UK Sire Services for providing the following Check List to assist Devon Cattle Breeders, who may be considering collecting semen in the near future, understand the requirements and the steps that must be taken to collect export compliant semen.

This Check List is written specifically for export to Australia, New Zealand, USA and Brazil. Other requirements may apply for other countries not listed.



Further advice is available from UK Sire Services
www.uksireservices.com
Telephone 01803 863560. Contact Rob Wills

Preliminary Health Screening.

If you have identified a bull whose genetics you would like to trade internationally, you will put yourself in a much better position to do business if you have undertaken health screening in advance of collection. In this way, even without having straws to sell today, you can at least discuss business with potential buyers with the confidence that at the time of testing the bull meets the health criteria for destination country x y or z.

STEP 1 – TB History

Has the bull ever been on a HOLDING whilst that HOLDING was under TB restriction?

YES: the bull will not qualify. He is, and will always be ineligible for export.

NO: The bull complies with the requirements with regards bTB. Go to STEP 2

STEP 2 – IBR

Has the bull been vaccinated for IBR?

YES: the bull will not qualify (he will be IBR positive due to vaccination.)

NO: Get your vet to test your bull for IBR (ELISA test). If result negative, Go to STEP 3

STEP 3 – Schmallenberg (only applies to USA and Brazil)

You will almost certainly not know if your bull has been exposed to the disease unless you test.

Get your VET to test your bull for Schmallenberg virus (VNT test). Is the reading positive?

YES: the bull will not qualify for export of semen to USA and Brazil, but can still qualify for export to New Zealand and Australia.

NO: the bull complies for export to USA and Brazil (as well as New Zealand and Australia)

No, No, No?

When you can answer **NO** to all three steps, you know that you can confidently say to potential buyers that **at the time of testing** the bull will comply with all health requirements of country x y z.

STEP 4 – Collect semen

At a licensed collection centre – i.e. UK Sire Services.

At the time of collection, your bull will also be tested by UK Sire Services for Johnes, Bluetongue and Leptospirosis. The results of these tests, whether positive or negative, will not affect the bull's eligibility for export of semen but the licensed centre is required to test and declare the result as part of compliance with the export license.

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