

Guidance Note:

Movements of Germinal Products from purebred breeding animals and hybrid breeding pigs

Recognised Breed Societies under Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 (UK assimilated law) are reminded that when their members import or export germinal products (including semen, embryos and oocytes) to be used for the breeding of animals for registration in the main section of a recognised breed society's breeding book, they must adhere to the applicable UK and EU laws. This guidance note gives an overview of the key requirements, but breed societies are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the relevant legislation.

Zootechnical Certificates

Under Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 (UK assimilated law or EU law as applicable), germinal products:

- from animals registered in the main section of a breeding book, which are **imported into the UK**, must be accompanied by a valid zootechnical certificate, issued by a recognised non-UK breeding body or a recognised non-UK breeding body with an approved extended breeding programme in the UK;
- from animals registered in the main section of a breeding book, which are **exported to the EU from the UK**, must be accompanied by a valid zootechnical certificate, issued by an EU-recognised UK breed society;
- moving between Great Britain and Northern Ireland must also be accompanied by a valid zootechnical certificate;

to allow for birth notification and registration of any resulting progeny in the main section of a recognised breed society breeding book.

Template zootechnical certificates for germinal products can be found in Regulation (EU) 2017/717.

If the original germinal product zootechnical certificate is not available when breeders request birth notification and registration of animals derived from germinal products, breeders should contact the issuing society for a replacement certificate, before such animals can be registered.

Animal Health Law requirements for germinal products moving into Northern Ireland

- Movements of germinal products into Northern Ireland must meet the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, known as Animal Health Law; adhere to traceability requirements; and be accompanied by appropriate health certificates, signed by an official veterinarian, in the country of origin.

Animal health requirements for germinal products imported or moved into Great Britain

- Germinal products imported into Great Britain must be pre-notified on IPAFFS and be accompanied by relevant health certificates.
- Germinal products moved from Northern Ireland to Great Britain must comply with conditions in the relevant general licence, including any pre-notification and health certification requirements.

Further Guidance:

- Information on zootechnical certificates is available on the GOV.UK website: [Getting a zootechnical certificate - GOV.UK](#)
- Further information on the requirements around moving germinal products is available on the DAERA and GOV.UK websites:
 - [Importing Semen, Oocytes and Embryos from Great Britain](#)
 - [Moving Germinal Products from Northern Ireland](#)
 - [Import live animals and germinal products from the EU to Great Britain](#)
 - [Importer information notes](#)
 - [General licences and authorisations](#) to import live animals or animal products