



A GUIDE TO:

A. THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY IMPORTING COUNTRIES

1. **For entry to the centre** Any stallion entering a centre where semen is collected for export must not have covered a mare for at least 30 days before entry to the centre and must have certificates, from samples taken more than 14 days after last covering a mare and processed at a DEFRA laboratory, to show that he is free from CEMO, EVA and EIA. **NB EU HAVE UPDATED RULES FOR PRE ENTRY HEALTH TESTS**
2. **Semen export** If semen is to be exported, all collections must take place at a DEFRA approved centre. The time a stallion must remain at the centre to fulfil the health requirements will depend on conditions laid down by the importing countries. e.g:
 - a. **Export to the EU** For semen export to EU countries, stallions need not be resident at the centre but health checks must be carried out as required by the health certificate.
 - b. **Australia, New Zealand and USA** Stallions must be resident at the centre throughout the collection period (minimum 21 days) but need not be quarantined before collection.
 - c. **Other major export markets** For most other markets, not only must a stallion remain at the centre throughout the collection period but he must also spend time in quarantine before semen for export is collected; e.g., if semen is intended for export to **Canada or South Africa**, a stallion must be at the centre for at least 30 days before the semen can be collected. During this period, however, semen collections for home use or for export to the EU, New Zealand and Australia can be made.

The time a stallion needs to stay at the centre will also depend upon how much semen he produces during his stay and the number of insemination doses required.

B. TYPICAL COSTS WHEN SEMEN IS COLLECTED & FROZEN FOR EXPORT

1. **Weekly charges for a stallion resident at the centre**

The cost of collecting and freezing semen for export will depend on the quarantine regulations (as laid down by the importing country), the health checks (see above), the length of time a stallion is at the centre and the number of collections made per week. Average weekly charges may vary as follows:

- a. **Basic weekly charge**
(i.e. when a stallion is in quarantine at the centre but no collections are being made) From: **£ 210.00**
- b. **Weekly charge during a collection period**
To include full livery plus at least 3 collections a week From: **£ 645.00**

Examples of typical costs involved in producing semen for export:

A three-week stay with semen collected and frozen for home use or for export to the EU, USA Australia and New Zealand would cost from £1,900.00 (plus £230 to £550 for health checks). A six-week stay, including 18 semen collections with doses eligible for all major markets, would cost from £3600 (plus health checks). The overall cost of producing each dose of frozen semen for export may vary from less than £20 to over £80 depending on a stallion's sperm output and the market for which the semen is intended.