

SCHEDULE 4

Conditions relating to the collection, processing, storage and transport of embryos for the purposes of intra-Area trade

10. After the last wash each embryo shall be subjected to microscopic examination at a magnification of at least 50x over its entire surface to determine that the *zona pellucida* is intact and is free from any adherent material. Any micro-manipulation which involves penetration of the *zona pellucida* must be carried out after the last wash and examination in the facilities approved for the purpose. Such micro-manipulation may only be carried out on an embryo having an intact *zona pellucida*.