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The Bovine Semen (Wales) Regulations 2008

PART 3

The operation of a bovine semen centre and collection at unlicensed premises

Entry of persons to bovine semen centres

11.—(1) No person may enter, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, a bovine semen centre without the authority of the centre veterinarian.

(2) A person authorised by the centre veterinarian to enter a bovine semen centre must comply with any requirements laid down by the centre veterinarian to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

(3) The centre veterinarian must ensure that unauthorised persons do not enter the bovine semen centre.

Entry of non-bovine animals to bovine semen centres

12.—(1) No person may introduce a non-bovine animal into a bovine semen centre without the express authorisation of the centre veterinarian.

(2) The centre veterinarian may authorise the admission of domestic animals of non-bovine species into a bovine semen centre provided—

- (a) they are necessary for the operation of the centre;
- (b) they present no risk of infection to those bovine animals whose semen is to be collected; and
- (c) they fulfil the conditions laid down by the centre veterinarian.

Requirement to keep records of bovine animals

13.—(1) This regulation does not apply to an EC storage centre or domestic storage centre.

(2) The centre veterinarian or operator of unlicensed premises must make a record for each bovine animal moved into or out of the centre or premises of—

- (a) its breed;
- (b) its date of birth;
- (c) the number by which it is identifiable in accordance with the cattle identification regulations;
- (d) all vaccinations administered to it;
- (e) the tests it has undergone for diseases and their results; and
- (f) any indication of disease it may have.

(3) The centre veterinarian or operator of unlicensed premises must ensure that these records are kept for at least two years from the date when the bovine animal leaves the centre or premises, or dies at the centre or premises.

Requirement to keep records of semen

14.—(1) This regulation does not apply to EC quarantine centres.

(2) Whenever semen is moved from or to a bovine semen centre or destroyed, the centre veterinarian must record—

- (a) the number by which the donor bovine animal is identifiable in accordance with the cattle identification regulations;
- (b) its health status;
- (c) the number of doses of semen;
- (d) the numbers on the receptacles in which the semen is or was contained (as applicable);
- (e) the date the semen was received, dispatched or destroyed (as applicable);
- (f) the premises, or bovine semen centre, of dispatch (if applicable); and
- (g) the destination (if applicable).

(3) The operator of unlicensed premises must record the information in paragraphs 2(a) to (g) for semen sent to an EC collection centre or domestic collection centre for processing.

(4) The operator of unlicensed premises or the centre veterinarian must ensure that each consignment of semen is accompanied by documents containing the information in paragraphs 2(a) to (g).

(5) The operator of unlicensed premises or the centre veterinarian must ensure that these records are retained for at least two years after the dispatch, receipt, or destruction of the semen.

General duties of centre veterinarians

15.—(1) The centre veterinarian must ensure that—

- (a) the centre is operated in accordance with these Regulations;
- (b) the conditions of the licence under which the centre operates are observed;
- (c) appropriate standards of hygiene are maintained at the centre to prevent the incursion of disease transmissible by semen; and
- (d) the biosecurity of the centre is maintained to prevent the incursion of disease transmissible by semen.

(2) The centre veterinarian must ensure that staff at the centre are technically competent and have received appropriate training in disinfection procedures and hygiene techniques.

(3) The centre veterinarian must ensure that the Welsh Ministers are notified immediately if the result of any test carried out on a bovine animal at the centre for any disease that must be tested for under these Regulations indicates a change in the health status of the bovine animal.

Specific duties of centre veterinarians and operators of unlicensed premises

16.—(1) The duties of the centre veterinarian—

- (a) of an EC quarantine centre are set out in Schedule 2;
- (b) of an EC collection centre are set out in Schedule 3;
- (c) of an EC storage centre are set out in Schedule 4;

- (d) of a domestic collection centre are set out in Schedule 5; and
- (e) of a domestic storage centre are set out in Schedule 6.
- (2) The duties of the operator of unlicensed premises are set out in Schedule 7.

Taking blood samples and testing for bovine tuberculosis

- 17.**—(1) Taking blood samples for laboratory analysis may only be undertaken by—
- (a) a centre veterinarian;
 - (b) an inspector who is qualified as a veterinary surgeon; or
 - (c) a person who fulfils the conditions set out in articles 3(2)(a) or 3(2)(b) of the Veterinary Surgery (Blood Sampling) Order 1983⁽¹⁾ and for whom the relevant qualified person described in those articles is a centre veterinarian or an inspector who is qualified as a veterinary surgeon.
- (2) Only a veterinary surgeon approved by the Welsh Ministers for that purpose may test for bovine tuberculosis.

Laboratory tests

- 18.** The operator of unlicensed premises or the centre veterinarian must ensure that laboratory tests required under these Regulations are carried out by a laboratory approved by the Welsh Ministers.

(1) S.I. 1983/6, amended by S.I. 1988/1090 and 1990/2217.