

**Approved by order Ü-12 dated 16 May 2018 of the Azerbaijan Republic
Food Safety Agency**

**VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS
to importing embryos of bovine animals into Azerbaijan Republic**

It is admitted to import to Azerbaijan Republic embryos derived from healthy thoroughbred animals not vaccinated against brucellosis. Bulls should be kept at artificial insemination enterprises, but embryonic donor cows shall be placed in the supplier's centres, points, farms, being under permanent control of the state veterinary service of the exporting country, at least during the 6 months before obtaining sperm or embryos.

The sperm with which the donor cows are inseminated should meet the veterinary and sanitary requirements of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Donor - animals that are kept in the holdings during the last 60 days should not have contact with animals imported into the country during the last 12 months.

Administrative territory of the exporting country should be free from infectious diseases, including:

- bovine spongiform encephalopathy according to the requirements of OIE's «Terrestrial Animal Health Code» ;

- FMD, vesicular stomatitis, contagious pleuropneumonia, rinderpest, peste des petits ruminants – during the last 12 months on the administrative territory;

Centers for obtaining of embryos of bovine animals should be free from infectious diseases, including:

- brucellosis, leucosis, tuberculosis, parainfluenza, paratuberculosis – during the last 3 years;

- Infectious rhinotracheitis, viral diarrhea, trichomoniasis, campylobacteriosis, leptospirosis, besnoitiosis, pasteurellosis, infectious keratoconjunctivitis (pink-eye) - during the last 12 months;

- anthrax – during the last 20 days.

Breeder - bulls and donor-cows should not have a genetic connection with

BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) diagnosed animals. Animals should not be fed with feeding-stuff of animal origin containing internal organs and tissues of ruminants.

They should be not fed with food, containing raw materials, produced through genetic engineering techniques and other genetically modified sources.

Donor-cows used for obtaining the embryos and bulls from which the sperm for insemination of cows are used are regularly subjected to clinical and diagnostic tests in the state veterinary laboratory using methods recommended by the OIE for

tuberculosis, paratuberculosis, parainfluenza, brucellosis, leptospirosis, leucosis, bluetongue, viral diarrhea, infectious rhinotracheitis, trichomoniasis, campylobacteriosis, chlamydia, if the exporting country is not officially free of these diseases and, at the importer's request, for other infectious diseases.

After obtaining the embryos, donor-cows and bulls should be under the supervision of official veterinarians for at least 30 days. In case of detection of infectious diseases in animals in this period, specified in these requirements, the export of embryos to the Republic of Azerbaijan is stopped.

Frozen and thawed material (embryos and the environment in which they are found) should be free from pathogenic and toxicogenic microorganisms.

Fulfilment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the official veterinarian of the exporting country and drawn up in the language of the exporting country and in English and with indicating the dates of diagnostic studies and inoculations.

Shipment of embryos to the Azerbaijan Republic is possible only after the obtaining a permission by the importer from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.