

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

**Veterinary Requirements  
to Importing semen of donor bulls to Azerbaijan Republic**

It is allowed to import to Azerbaijan Republic the semen of donor bulls, obtained through artificial insemination facilities which are under the control of the state veterinary service of the exporting country.

Semen is obtained at the enterprises (station, centre, etc.), located on the administrative territories, officially free from animal infectious diseases, including:

- FMD, vesicular stomatitis, rinderpest, contagious pleuropneumonia, peste des petits ruminants – during the last 12 months in the country's territory;
- brucellosis, tuberculosis, leucosis and paratuberculosis – during the last 3 years on a farm's territory;
- infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, virus diarrhea, trichomonosis, campylobacteriosis, leptospirosis, besnoitiosis, infectious keratoconjunctivitis (pink-eye) – during the last 12 months on a farm's territory;
- anthrax - during the last 20 days on a farm's territory;

Donor bulls from which the semen had been collected, shouldn't be vaccinated against brucellosis.

Donor bulls should not have genetically contact with animals diagnosed with Bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Animals shouldn't fed with feeding-stuffs of animal origin containing intestines and tissues of ruminants.

They should not receive raw materials containing genetic engineering techniques or other genetically modified sources.

Donor bulls should be kept at the artificial insemination centre during 6 months prior to the semen collection and shouldn't be used for natural insemination.

Donor bulls shouldn't be kept together with the small ruminants in the artificial insemination centre.

No later than 20 days before the semen collection the bulls are examined at the state veterinary laboratory by methods accepted in the exporting country for tuberculosis, paratuberculosis, enteritis, brucellosis, leptospirosis, leucosis, bluetongue, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, virus diarrhea, trichomonosis, campylobacteriosis, chlamydiosis, and at the importer's request for other infectious diseases.

There is no pathogenic and toxicogenic microorganisms in the composition of the seed.

Fulfillment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the state veterinarian of the exporting country and drawn up in a language understandable to him and in English with indication the date of diagnostic studies and inoculations.

The specification is enclosed to the veterinary certificate, containing the following requirements:

- breed, name and identification number of bull;
- date, month and year of semen collection;
- number of cans in Dewar vessel;
- number of batches and doses in one can.

Delivered semen are packed and transported in special containers (vessels) with liquid nitrogen.

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