

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

**VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS
to importing the semen of thoroughbred stallions to Azerbaijan Republic**

Importation to Azerbaijan Republic is admitted for semen of thoroughbred stallions, obtained at the artificial insemination facilities which are under the permanent control of the state veterinary service of the exporting country.

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

- infectious equine encephalomyelitis of all types, equine viral arteritis, African horse sickness - during the last 3 years in the country's territory;
- glanders – during the last 3 years in the country's territory;
- foot-and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, equine influenza – during the last 12 months in the country's territory;

- dourine, surra (*T.evansi*), pyroplasmosis (*B. cabani*) and nuttalliosis (*B. equi*) – during the last 12 months in the administrative territories (state, province, land, county etc.);

- contagious equine metritis – during the last 12 months in the administrative territories;

- leptospirosis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine infectious anaemia, and horse pox – during the last 3 months in the premises;

- anthrax – during the last 20 days in the premises.

Keeping of animals and collection of semen from stallions is carried out in compliance with defined veterinary and sanitary requirements.

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

For 20 days before the semen collection the stallions are examined at the state veterinary laboratory by methods accepted in the exporting country for glanders, dourine, surra (*T. evansi*), pyroplasmosis (*B. cabani*), nuttalliosis (*B. equi*), equine rhinopneumonitis, anaplasmosis, equine infectious anaemia, equine viral arteritis, vesicular stomatitis.

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

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

Fulfilment 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 veterinarian filling the certificate or in English with indication the date of diagnostic studies.

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

- breed, name and identification number of stallion;
- date, month and year of semen taking;
- 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.