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## **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION – POLICY LIAISON TEAM CARLISLE CUSTOMER INFORMATION NOTE (CIN)**

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To: Interested organisations

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### **EXPORT OF OVINE SEMEN TO BRAZIL**

1. This customer information note is to inform exporters that the following amended health certificate (6506EHC) is now available. The amendments include:
  - BSE and Tuberculosis related assurances/tests no longer have to be provided.
  - The timescale for routine tests have been increased from 6 months to 12 months.
  - An option to use the PCR test for Border disease.
  - In addition, an ELISA for enzootic abortion is now available.

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2. Should exporters require a specimen copy of the export health certificate and the notes for guidance or other associated documents, they should contact Specialist Service Centre – Exports, Carlisle.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalhealth/about-us/contact-us/centrops.htm>

3. Please note that this Department will assume, unless informed otherwise by an exporter or by the veterinary authorities in the country of destination, that certificates are acceptable to the importing country's authorities, however this cannot be guaranteed. Destination countries may change their requirements at short notice; not inform the Department until after a change has been made; or, in some cases, not inform the Department at all.

It is therefore strongly advised that you to check with your customers that certificates are acceptable to the authorities in the country of destination. This Department will not accept liability should it turn out that certification supplied by us does not meet an importing country's requirement.

#### **Further Enquiries**

4. This and further CINs will be posted on the Defra website at the following address: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/animaltrade/cins/index.htm>
5. If you have any further enquiries concerning the subject matter of this CIN you should contact Specialist Service Centre – Exports, Carlisle.

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