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Dear Dr. Ferri,

Subject: Sexing of semen collected in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 January 2013 by which you requested an interpretation of Council Directive 88/407/EEC of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species as regards supervision of laboratories in which sexing of semen collected in an approved collection centres is carried out and a clarification on the requirements for transportation of such semen between the laboratory and the semen collection centre.

The sexing of semen is part of the processing of semen. Referring to the provisions of point 1(b)(iii) of Chapter I of Annex A to Council Directive 88/407/EEC, a laboratory where the semen is sexed must be considered as a "semen processing room", which does not need to be on the same site as the semen collection centre.

Consequently, it has to be ensured that such laboratory, being "a semen processing room", fulfils the relevant conditions of Directive 88/407/EEC, and in particular those set out in points 1(a), (c), (d) and (f) of Chapter I and point 1 of Chapter II of Annex A to that Directive.

Because the laboratory where semen is sexed is considered part of a semen collection centre, it must be mentioned in the approval documentation.

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Semen intended for sexing in a laboratory on a different site needs to be transported under conditions at least as strict as those provided for in points 1(f)(v), (vi) and (vii) of Chapter II of Annex A to the Directive for the transport of semen for trade.

Please note that only the Court of Justice of the European Union is entitled to interpret the European Union law with binding authority.

I remain at your disposal for any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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