

# RABIES SEROLOGY CERTIFICATE



## SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please ensure that all fields are completed fully and accurately. Errors made when completing this form will cause issues when travelling with your pet.
- Please complete one rabies serology certificate per animal
- Send a minimum of 1ml serum (preferable) or 2ml clotted blood
- Clearly label sample with the animal's name and microchip number

**SEND SAMPLE TO:** Biobest Laboratories Ltd  
6 Charles Darwin House  
The Edinburgh Technopole  
Milton Bridge, Nr Penicuik  
EH26 0PY  
enquiry@biobest.co.uk

**SEND RESULTS TO:** Owner: Practice: Agent:

## OWNER'S DETAILS:

Name:

E-Mail:

Address And Postcode (OPTIONAL):

## SUBMITTING VETERINARY SURGEON'S DETAILS

Veterinary Practice Name, Address And Postcode:

Signature of submitting veterinary surgeon (blue ink preferred)\*:

Name in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Date:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

## ANIMAL'S DETAILS

Date of Birth:

Animal Name:

Microchip Number:

AVID Microchip Number (if applicable):

Date of Blood Sampling & Microchip Reading:

Cat:

Dog:

## RABIES VACCINATION DETAILS:

Date: (DDMMYY)	Vaccine:	Batch No:

\*By signing this form you are confirming that all information on this form is true and correct. You confirm that the animal being sampled appears healthy and is not suspected to be carrying any notifiable disease according to European regulations or the animal health regulations of the country where the animal is based. You are also confirming that the animal is not from a region or zone of a country that is subject to official restrictions due to a notifiable disease to which the animal is susceptible according to European or other national animal health regulations.

## BIOBEST USE ONLY:

QC:	I:
Biobest No:	
Date of Receipt:	

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# RABIES SEROLOGY SAMPLE PAYMENT FORM



## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### **PREFERRED METHOD**

#### **Card Payment E-Mail Link**

A secure card payment link will be sent to the e-mail address provided below.

Email Address:

### **ALTERNATIVE METHOD**

#### **BACS Bank Transfer**

An e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address provided above containing our bank account details. Proof of payment will be required before results are released.

## RETURN METHOD & ADDRESS

All certificates are returned by standard airmail (no tracking number available) if one of the options below is not selected. Once a certificate has left Biobest we cannot track its location or guarantee delivery.

### **We can provide the following options:**

Standard tracked mail (UPS) - additional cost of £25:

Courier (DHL) - additional cost of £110:

Name:

Address:

(Please note couriers cannot deliver to a PO Box)

Postal/Area Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

**If this information is not completed in full the courier company may not be able to deliver.**

**BIOBEST  
USE ONLY**

Biobest Ref:

Invoice Number:

# RABIES SEROLOGY SAMPLE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS



Thank you for requesting details of how to submit a sample for rabies serology to Biobest. Our testing complies with the requirements of all European Pet Travel Schemes. Be aware pet travel rules vary from country to country and that you should check with the relevant authorities in your destination country to ensure you are complying with their testing requirements. Please read and follow these instructions carefully. If you have any questions or problems, please contact any member of our office admin staff - [enquiry@biobest.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@biobest.co.uk)

1. You will need to send us 1ml of serum or 2ml of clotted blood from your pet. Serum is preferable to clotted blood as it is more stable if the sample is subjected to extremes of temperature. If possible, have your veterinary surgeon centrifuge the blood sample and send only the serum.
2. You will need a rabies serology certificate for each sample, our import licences and a payment form. Your veterinary surgeon must complete the rabies serology certificate in full and the original certificate must accompany the sample. It is possible to send your sample, rabies serology certificate and payment form directly to Biobest.
3. All samples should come in a well-padded, leak proof, rigid container (IATA packing instructions 650).
4. Packages must be clearly labeled with the following information:
  - Import Licence numbers: (Scottish airports: TARP(S) 2023/26, English airports: ITIMP23.1011)
  - Canine/feline serum samples, no commercial value.
  - Animal specimens - not restricted, for diagnostic test and destruction within 30 days.
  - Packed in compliance with IATA packing instructions 650.
  - Country of origin: (your country)
5. When using a courier to deliver your sample, failure to complete the waybill correctly will result in additional charges. Any additional charges will be billed to the sender, these charges will not be paid by Biobest and this will cause a delay in your samples reaching us or they may be returned to sender. Do not mark the box bill receiver. Please mark the maximum value of the goods as \$1, failure to do this will incur additional charges by UK customs and excise.
6. Attach both import licences (Scottish and English) to the outside of the package with the waybill. The certificate should be packed inside the package to prevent it being removed at customs. We would also advise you to use a reputable courier so that the shipment can be tracked.
7. There is no need to ensure samples remain frozen or refrigerated in transit.
8. An online payment link will be sent to you by email on receipt of your sample, this is the preferred payment method. Payment can also be made by bank transfer. Payment is not required prior to the sample arriving. Current prices are available on our website.
9. Results are usually available in up to 10 working days and we will email a copy prior to posting the certificate back to you by standard untracked airmail. Other options available can be selected on the payment form. We also operate a rabies express service for urgent samples. Further details can be found on the website.
10. For entry into the EU from non-listed countries the blood sample must be taken at least 30 days after rabies vaccination. For travel to other destinations please check with the embassy or animal health department of the relevant country.
11. Should you need to contact us about your sample we will require the animal name and microchip number.

# BIOBEST LABORATORIES LIMITED

## TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY



### 1. Routine Diagnostic Testing Services

We shall conduct diagnostic testing services ("Routine Diagnostic Testing Services") as follows:

- a. We will test a sample following its receipt as per any report or specification provided by us and in accordance with the test schedule and turnaround times publicised in our current marketing materials or on our website ([www.biobest.co.uk](http://www.biobest.co.uk)). The testing schedule is subject to change by us without prior notification. We will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that tests are completed as per this schedule; however we make no guarantees of test times, unless specifically agreed to by us in writing. In this respect time shall not be of the essence. Upon request urgent tests may at our discretion be conducted outside the normal test schedule. In such circumstances additional charges may be applicable, and these shall be notified to you in advance of setting up the test.
- b. If a sample is received in a condition such that it is considered to be broken or otherwise unsuitable for testing, we will inform you immediately and request submission of a repeat sample. There will be no additional charge in such circumstances. However, we reserve the right to charge for the original and re-test where the unsuitable condition of the sample does not become apparent until during or after test completion.
- c. If we receive a request for test cancellation before we have set up the test, we will provide a full refund. If we receive a request for test cancellation after we have set up the test, we reserve the right to charge an amount to reflect our costs incurred up to the standard test price.
- d. If we receive a request from you to add a test to a sample already received, we will conduct this additional test providing there is sufficient material. The additional charge will be as per the standard test price.
- e. The diagnostic test service includes as standard faxed or posted report, and where specifically requested or required, telephoned or emailed results; interpretation of results by a veterinary surgeon; advice on sampling and submission; and supply of sampling kits where appropriate. We retain ownership of and retain all copyright and other intellectual property rights in all reports, written advice and other materials prepared by us.

### 2. Contract Research, Project Studies, Supply of Goods

We shall conduct contract research, project studies, supply of Goods and any other service or product that we supply which is not classified as a Routine Diagnostic Testing Service (together, "the Services"), as per the scope of work and terms and conditions specified and previously agreed to by us in writing in any tender request, proposal documentation and agreed contract. In the absence of any such agreed contract, these Conditions will apply. Unless otherwise agreed in writing payment terms for such research or study work will be 40% of contract value on signature of the contract by us, 30% on completion of testing and 30% on delivery of final report.

### 3. Samples and Results

- a. Unless otherwise agreed with us in writing, all samples received by us for Routine Diagnostic Testing Services shall become our property upon delivery of the sample to us or collection of the sample by us and, on the completion of Routine Diagnostic Testing Services, may be retained and used for research and development and other purposes. Any data or other results (and all intellectual property and other rights in them) arising from such use shall belong to us and you shall not have any rights in any of them.
- b. Unless otherwise agreed with us in writing, all data, results, reports and advice produced by us as a result of our carrying out the Routine Diagnostic Testing Services shall be our property and may be used for such purpose(s) as we decide from time to time.
- c. If you provide any data or information with, or relating to, the samples, we may use such data and information for our own purposes and may provide it to third parties in an anonymised manner. All personal data is held in full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and will only be passed to third parties where it is a legal requirement for us to do so or where we have your informed consent.

### 4. Prices and Payment

- a. Prices are publicised on our website and in our current marketing materials. We reserve the right to change prices.
- b. All prices for eligible transactions are subject to VAT at the current rate.
- c. For non-account holders and new customers we require payment upon submission of the sample before an order will be accepted. We accept payment in pounds Sterling in the form of a cheque, bankers draft, by an electronic transfer of funds to a bank account of our choosing (with you being responsible for any costs associated with such transfer) or by debit or credit card.
- d. For repeat customers and account holders we will invoice on a monthly basis. You shall pay the full amount of any invoice within 30 days from date of invoice. We will exercise our statutory right to charge interest and compensation for debt recovery costs under late payment legislation if we are not paid according to agreed credit terms.
- e. We will request two trade and one banker's reference in order to set up a new account.

### 5. Delivery

- a. If any Goods are to be delivered by us as part of this Contract then such Goods shall be delivered to a delivery address agreed to by the parties during our normal business hours. If any Goods are to be delivered outside the United Kingdom, such delivery shall be Exworks Incoterms 2000.
- b. We shall make reasonable endeavours to deliver any Goods within timescales notified to you. If no dates are specified, delivery shall be within a reasonable time, however time shall not be of the essence.
- c. The Goods shall remain our property and title in the Goods shall not pass to you until all sums due by you to us have been paid.
- d. Until the transfer of title in terms of Condition 5c above:
  - (i) you shall store the Goods in a manner which distinguishes them from any other goods and which indicates that the Goods are owned by us;
  - (ii) the Goods shall be kept at your premises and you shall take good care of the Goods and use and maintain them in accordance with good industry practice;
  - (iii) you shall be responsible for loss of, or damage to the Goods; and
  - (iv) you shall not permit any form of security or charge to be created over the Goods.
- e. Until the property in the Goods passes to you in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5c above, you shall keep the Goods insured to their full replacement value with full comprehensive insurance to be approved by us and with our interest noted on the policy. Evidence of such insurance shall be made available to us at any time on request.

### 6. Warranty of Performance

- a. We shall exercise all reasonable skill, care and professional due diligence in the performance of the Services, however we do not guarantee or warrant that any particular result is correct or otherwise.
- b. All conditions, representations and warranties relating to the Goods and/or the Services and their use and receipt and all remedies otherwise available to you are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 7. Limitation of Liability

- a. Under no circumstances shall our liability for any loss or damage suffered by you or any other person as a result of our performance or nonperformance of our obligations under this Contract be greater than £10,000 or the total sums received by us under the provisions of the Contract, whichever is the greater. You shall indemnify us in respect of any loss sustained and any expenses incurred by us arising directly out of or in connection with your breach of this Contract.
- b. We shall not be liable in any circumstances for any indirect or consequential loss or loss of anticipated profits, loss of anticipated savings or any other economic loss of yours.
- c. Notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 7a and 7b above, neither party excludes or limits liability to the other party for death or personal injury arising from the breach of duty of such party.
- d. Our liability to you under this Contract is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- e. Should any limitation or provision contained in this Condition be held to be invalid under any applicable statute or rule of law it shall to that extent be deemed omitted but if either party thereby becomes liable for loss or damage which would otherwise have been excluded such liability shall be subject to the other limitations and provisions set out herein.

## 8. Force Majeure

- a. Any delay or failure by either party in performance hereunder, other than your obligation to pay us any monies due to us, shall be excused if and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by occurrences beyond such party's reasonable control including but not limited to, acts of God, decrees or restraints of government, strikes, war, fire, riot, sabotage, terrorism and any other cause or causes whether similar or dissimilar to those already specified which cannot reasonably be controlled by either party. Such performance shall be so excused for the period during which such inability of the party to perform is so caused but for no longer period and shall be remedied as far as possible with all reasonable despatch. Any time period for performance shall be extended by a period equal in duration to any period during which such performance is excused by this Condition.
- b. If any of the events detailed in Condition 8a above prevents either party from performing all of its obligations under the Contract for a period in excess of one month, the party affected by such non-performance may terminate the Contract.

## 9. Termination

- a. We may terminate this Contract by providing written notice to that effect to you.
- b. In addition to, but without prejudice to our other rights and remedies under and in terms of this Contract, we may terminate this Contract forthwith if:
  - (i) you fail to pay any part of the price payable to us by the date specified in Condition 4 above;
  - (ii) you become insolvent or enter into any arrangement with your creditors;
  - (iii) a petition is presented, or a resolution proposed, for the winding-up of your business;
  - (iv) any procedure is commenced with a view to the appointment of an administrator, receiver or administrative receiver in relation to you or any other party gives notice of its intention to appoint an administrator to you;
  - (v) you are unable to pay your debts as they fall due;
  - (vi) you cease trading or threaten to cease trading; or
  - (vii) any equivalent event as outlined in Conditions 9b(i) – 9b(vi) occurs in any jurisdiction other than Scotland.
- c. In the event of termination of this Contract you shall pay to us all amounts which remain outstanding for Services performed or Goods delivered by us under this Contract within 10 Business Days of this Contract terminating.

## 10. Assignment

We shall be entitled to assign, transfer or sub-contract any of our rights or obligations under this Contract. You shall not assign, transfer or sub-contract any of your rights or obligations under this Contract or purport to do so unless you have obtained our prior written consent.

## 11. Dispute Resolution

Should any dispute arise between us and you, the parties will attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith. If the parties are unable to resolve any such dispute between them, either party may request that the parties seek to resolve the dispute through mediation using the services of the Centre for Dispute Resolution to facilitate the mediation process but this shall not prejudice a party's right to raise court or other proceedings.

## 12. Entire Agreement

This Contract and any other document referred to herein as being applicable contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract and supersedes all prior agreements and arrangements whether written or oral between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. Nothing in this Condition 12 shall have effect to exclude the liability of either party for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

## 13. Severability

If any provision of this Contract is held by the appropriate court or other competent authority to be void or unenforceable in whole or in part this Contract shall continue to be valid as to the other provisions of it and the remainder of the affected provision.

## 14. Governing Law

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Scotland and the parties hereby submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish courts.

## 15. Definitions, Interpretation and Basis of Contract

- a. In these Conditions, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set opposite them:
  - "Business Day" means any day from Monday to Friday inclusive on which we are open for business;
  - "Conditions" mean the terms and conditions of supply as set out in this document;
  - "Contract" means the agreement incorporating the Conditions concluded between us and you pursuant to Condition 15c for the supply of Goods and/or Services incorporating the Conditions;
  - "Goods" means the goods, if any, to be supplied under the Contract;
  - "Purchaser" shall mean the individual or company to whom we are supplying Goods and/or Services under the Contract;
  - "Services" means the services, if any, to be supplied under the Contract, as more particularly described in Conditions 1 and 2 above; and
  - "VAT" means value added tax.
- b. All references to "us", "our" and "we" shall mean Biobest Laboratories Limited and references to "you" and "your" shall mean the Purchaser.
- c. All purchase transactions between us and you are, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by us, subject to these Conditions which are deemed to be incorporated into any Contract. These Conditions shall apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions including without limitation, any terms and conditions of yours. No variation to the Contract or these Conditions shall be binding unless accepted in writing by us.



**Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate**

Animal Health and Welfare Division

**THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2012  
THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS (EU EXIT) (SCOTLAND) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2020**

**IMPORT AUTHORISATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOR STUDY OR ANALYSIS**

The SCOTTISH MINISTERS in accordance with Regulation 26 and Schedule 3, paragraph 3 of the 64881237 Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 authorise

*Name and full address of importer responsible for consignment*

Biobest Laboratories Ltd,  
6 Charles Darwin House,  
The Edinburgh Technopole,  
Milton Bridge,  
Midlothian, EH26 0PY

*Name and full address of destination premises (if different from importer)*

to land in Scotland in accordance with the conditions set out below

Product

Whole blood, serum or plasma from companion animals (pet dogs and cats) Samples are from healthy animals that are not known to be (or suspected to be) infected with a pathogen which causes a notifiable disease according to EU regulations.

from (country of origin)

Any Country

at port/airport of entry

Any port or airport in Scotland

until (date of expiry)

3 May 2025

unless revoked by the Scottish Ministers by notice to the person to whom it is issued.

Dated: 3 May 2024

On behalf of the Scottish Ministers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. L. Douglas', written in a cursive style.

Officer of the Scottish Government

## SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

1. The consignment of imported materials must be accompanied by certification by the Director or person in charge of the laboratory of origin to the effect that the materials are free of, and that during the proceedings 12 months the laboratory has not worked with Foot and Mouth Disease, Vesicular Stomatitis, Swine Vesicular Disease, Rinderpest, Peste des Petites Ruminants, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Lumpy Skin Disease, Rift Valley Fever, Bluetongue, Sheep Pox, Goat Pox, African Swine Fever, African Horse Sickness, Hog Cholera (Classical Swine Fever), Teschen Disease, Fowl Plague, Newcastle Disease, Rabies, Equine Encephalomyelitis, Equine Infectious Anaemia, Enzootic Bovine Leukosis, Paramyxovirus of Pigeons, Aujeszky's Disease (Pseudo-Rabies).

## CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THIS AUTHORISATION

1. The authorisation is valid for multiple consignments and the net weight per consignment must not exceed **5kg**.
2. The products must remain in their original wrapping at all times until their arrival at for the attention of the recipient. All inner and outer packaging must be swabbed with suitable disinfectant before leaving the exporting address.
3. The consignment shall be taken directly from the airport/port of entry and delivered intact to the address above. Irrespective of the mode of transport, all specimens must be packaged so that they fully comply with the requirements of relevant Post Office or International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations.
4. Animal and Plant Health Agency must be advised of the arrival of the consignment in Scotland – email: [APHA.Scotland@apha.gov.uk](mailto:APHA.Scotland@apha.gov.uk) or telephone 03000 600711).
5. Each consignment must be accompanied by a copy of this import authorisation and a commercial document which must confirm:
  - I. The description of the material and the animal species of origin;
  - II. The category of the material as defined in Articles 8, 9 or 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009;
  - III. The quantity of the material;
  - IV. The place of origin and the place of despatch of the material;
  - V. The name and the address of the consignor;
  - VI. The name and address of the consignee and/or user.
  - VII. the colonies of origin:
    - i. have been maintained in the laboratory for multiple generations

**Or**

    - ii. have been captured
- VIII. the species of invertebrates/genetic material being imported do comply with CITES and Invasive sp;
- IX. the invertebrates/genetic material have not had contact with animals known or suspected to be infected with a pathogen which causes a notifiable disease to which the animals from which the products are derived are susceptible under animal health legislation applicable in Great Britain or the animal health legislation applicable in the exporting country;



- X. That none of the animals to which this authorisation relates is intended to be used for human or animal consumption in any circumstances;
- XI. That the animals are not intended to be released into the wild;
6. The consignment, or its packaging, must not be allowed to come into contact with any ruminating animals, swine, poultry or horses and must not be transferred to any other premises without the approval of the Scottish Government.
7. Immediately on arrival, all outer packaging shall be disinfected, autoclaved or incinerated.
8. On completion of the testing, unless they are kept for reference purposes, any residues of the material and the remainder of the packaging shall be disposed of in accordance with the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.
9. The products must be made available, if so, required for inspection by an Officer of the Department or one of its agencies at any place nominated by him for such an inspection. The importer shall afford all assistance necessary to such an officer to enable him to carry out the inspection in such a manner as he shall determine, and the importer shall be responsible for meeting any costs of carrying out such an inspection.
10. All packages must be clearly labelled and marked "Importation authorised by licence number **TARP(S) 2024/23** issued under the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012".
11. Testing of the material **in-vitro** may take place in laboratories complying with ACDP containment level 2 or above only. None of the material to which this authorisation relates shall be used for human consumption under any circumstances. The consignment must **NOT** under any circumstances be supplied to a third party for the creation/ manufacture of a product for commercial resale.
12. **Any material and records relating to the material imported under this licence shall be made available if so, required for inspection by an Officer of Animal Health at any place nominated by him/her for such inspection. The importer or their agent shall afford all assistance necessary to such an officer to enable him/her to carry out the inspection in such a manner as they may determine. All records and related documentation associated with animals imported under this authorisation must be kept for a minimum of 24 months.**
13. Any breach of these conditions must be reported to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

## Notes

1. When expired or exhausted this authorisation is to be returned to the address below.
2. Please note that while this authorisation was current at the time of its issue, conditions can be subject to frequent change and importers are advised to check the latest position with Animal and Plant Health Agency, Imports Team, Carlisle<sup>1</sup>.
3. EU legislation as it stood on 31 December 2020 that the UK already complies with has been incorporated into our domestic law as "retained EU law" under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. References in our guidance and certification to such EU instruments should be taken to be references to this "retained EU law". Our current standards will remain in force, without amendment,

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<sup>1</sup> Animal and Plant Health Agency Imports Team Centre for International Trade – Carlisle Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX Tel: 03000 200 301 Email: [imports@apha.gov.uk](mailto:imports@apha.gov.uk)

in the immediate months after our EU exit as part of UK domestic law (apart from corrections to make the EU legislation fully operable). Relevant EU Exit Statutory Instruments are below:

- The Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
- The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
- The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020
- The Aquatic Animal Health and Alien Species in Aquaculture, Animals, and Marketing of Seed, Plant and Propagating Material (Legislative Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
- The Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Invasive Alien Species, Plant Propagating Material and Seeds (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
- The Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Legislative Functions) and Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Further information regarding changes to the import controls from an EU country from 1 January 2021 can be found on GOV.UK at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin-from-1-january-2021#import-from-an-eu-country-from-1-january-2021>

### **Caution**

- It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any import covered by this authorisation complies with the terms and conditions as set out.
- Any breach of any conditions attached to this authorisation will constitute an offence against the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

### **Contact for further information**

Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate  
P Spur  
Saughton House  
Broomhouse Drive  
EDINBURGH  
EH11 3XD

Email. [animal.health@gov.scot](mailto:animal.health@gov.scot)



**Commission Regulation (EU) 142/2011** implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive (“**Regulation 142/2011**”)

**The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011**  
**Animal By-products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013**

**AUTHORISATION FOR THE IMPORTATION FROM THIRD COUNTRIES OF RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLES**

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this authorisation issued under Article 27 of Regulation (EU) 142/2011, authorises:

Mr Stuart Marshall  
Biobest Laboratories Ltd  
6 Charles Darwin House  
The Edinburgh Technopole  
Milton Bridge, Nr Penicuik,  
EH26 0PY

*Name and full address of importer responsible for consignment*

Dr Paul Burr  
Biobest Laboratories Ltd  
6 Charles Darwin House  
The Edinburgh Technopole  
Milton Bridge, Nr Penicuik, EH26 0PY

*Full address of destination premises (if different from importer)*

to land in England, in accordance with the conditions set out below,

Whole blood, serum and plasma samples from pet cats and dogs, intended for particular studies or analyses only. (Not for resale).

*Product*

from

All countries outside the EU

*Countries of origin*

at

All ports and airports in England

*Ports of entry*

**This licence expires on 2 years less one day from the date of signature. After this date the licence should have either been renewed if required and deleted or cancelled and archived.**

Signed:

Dated: 09 May 2024

Name: Andrew Lee  
Officer of the Animal and Plant Health Agency  
authorised by the Secretary of State.

## CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THIS AUTHORISATION

1. This authorisation is valid for multiple consignments and the net weight per consignment must not exceed 1 Kg.
2. Any breach of these conditions must be reported to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

### Packaging

3. The material must be packed in leak-proof sealed containers.
4. All inner and outer packaging must be swabbed with suitable disinfectant before leaving the exporting address.
5. Irrespective of the mode of transport, all specimens must be packaged so that they fully comply with the requirements of relevant Post Office or International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations.
6. The packaging must be clearly labelled to indicate the nature of the product, that this is intended for *in vitro* use for research and that it is **not** for human or animal consumption.

### Import Documentation

7. Each consignment must be accompanied by a copy of this import authorisation and a commercial document which must confirm:
  - i. The description of the material and the animal species of origin;
  - ii. The category, 1, 2 or 3, of the material as defined in Articles 8, 9 or 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009<sup>1</sup>;
  - iii. The quantity of the material;
  - iv. The place of origin and the place of despatch of the material;
  - v. The name and the address of the consignor;
  - vi. The name and address of the consignee and/or user;
8. Each consignment must be accompanied by a signed and dated declaration completed by a veterinarian, on official paper, confirming that:
  - i. the products are **not** derived from animals known or suspected to be infected with a pathogen which causes a notifiable disease to which the animals from which the products are derived are susceptible according to retained European Regulations<sup>2</sup> or the Animal Health Regulations of the exporting country; and
  - ii. the products **do not** originate from animals in a premises or region or zone of a country that is subject to official restrictions due to a notifiable disease to which the animals are susceptible according to European or other National Animal Health Regulations.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2009/1069/title/I/chapter/I/section/4>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eudr/1982/894>

- iii. the animals from which samples were collected did not show any sign of infectious disease at the time of collection

#### Transportation

9. The consignment must be sent directly from the point of entry into Great Britain to the authorised user at the destination address on page 1.
10. The material must be transported, handled and labelled in accordance with the Animal By-products Regulations.
11. The transporter and destination address must be registered or approved (see note E) in accordance with the relevant Animal By-Products (Enforcement) Regulations, (ABPE) before commencing operations.
12. The products must remain in their original wrapping at all times until their arrival at the destination address on page 1.

#### Storage, Use and Handling

13. Users shall take all necessary measures to avoid the spreading of diseases communicable to humans or animals during the handling of the materials under their control, in particular by way of the application of good laboratory practice.
14. The samples and material derived from the samples shall be for in vitro use only.
15. Samples must be handled and stored under containment level conditions which are appropriate to the risks presented by the product. This should be determined by the operator, following a suitable risk assessment, in accordance with The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002.
16. None of the material to which this authorisation relates shall be used for human consumption under any circumstances.
17. Any subsequent use of these products for purposes other than those referred to in point 38 of annex 1 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, is prohibited.
18. Importers shall keep a register of consignments of samples imported under this authorisation, which should contain the information referred to in condition 7 above as well as the date and method of disposal.
19. Unless they are kept for reference purposes, transferred or re-dispatched to the third country of origin, research and diagnostic material, products derived from their use and waste shall be disposed of appropriately, in accordance with The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011/The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 or Animal By-Product Regulations (Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and Regulation (EU) 142/2011).

#### Transfer of Material

20. Any transfer of material from the authorised user to any other user must be pre-authorised by APHA.

## NOTES

- A. When expired or exhausted this authorisation is to be deleted or cancelled and archived.
- B. Please note that while this authorisation was current at the time of its issue, conditions can be subject to frequent change and importers are advised to check the latest position with Animal and Plant Health Agency, Imports Team, Carlisle, at the address below.
- C. It is the responsibility of the importer to follow good laboratory practice standards and to prevent the sample entering the environment in any manner.
- D. In accordance with Annex VIII, Chapter III, point 5 of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, all records and related documentation associated with material imported under this authorisation must be kept for a minimum of 24 months for presentation to the competent authority.
- E. For information on registration/approval, please see the website: <https://www.gov.uk/animal-by-product-categories-site-approval-hygiene-and-disposal#getting-your-site-approved-or-registered>
- F. References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023), and can be viewed on the UK legislation website (legislation.gov.uk)

Further information regarding changes to the import controls from an EU country from 31 January 2024 can be found on GOV.UK at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/risk-categories-for-animal-and-animal-product-imports-to-great-britain>

## CAUTION

It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that any import covered by this authorisation complies with the terms and conditions as set out. If you cannot comply with any of the conditions above, please contact the APHA Imports Team.

Any breach of any conditions attached to this Authorisation will constitute an offence against regulation 39 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 or regulation 17 of the Animal By-products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013.

## CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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