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To Our Clients Using or Purchasing EU Imported Ovine Semen:

We would like to bring to your attention, certain changes that have now been instituted by USDA/APHIS regarding the distribution and subsequent use of ovine semen imported into the US under the US/ EU import protocol.

These changes reflect USDA/APHIS concerns surrounding the possible outbreak of disease or infection that may be connected to the imported product and these changes have been adopted to insure USDA/APHIS's ability to monitor, track and trace the product and its progeny within US borders. To remain in compliance with USDA/APHIS, the importer and the client/producer must be aware of the following stipulations and institute practices that will satisfy USDA/APHIS surveillance needs.

The following pertinent points are taken from the USDA/APHIS document:

Information for Importers of Sheep/Goat Semen From Canada, Iceland and Member States of the European Union (updated 3/16/2018)

6. "The imported semen may only be further distributed after importation, if it is moved to another premise with a premises identification and flock identification recorded in the Surveillance Collaborative System/Scrapie (SCS SCR) with prior written notification to the APHIS Veterinary Services SPRS District office in the state where the original receiving premises is located."

9. "Secondary recipients, and any other facility receiving this imported semen must notify USDA APHIS VS SPRS state district office in their state in writing or by email within 10 (ten) business days confirming the shipment of semen has been received at the specified destination location and provide a copy of the import permit as reference."

11. "Again, all of the flocks receiving the semen must have flock IDs and premises IDs assigned and recorded in Surveillance System/Scrapie (SCS SCR). Premise/flock owners should call 866-USDA-TAG if they do not already have a premise/flock ID to get one. The producer must have a premise record and a flock number assigned in the National Scrapie database (SCS-Scrapie), however they do not have to be enrolled in SFCP."

12. "All first generation (F-1) progeny resulting from imported semen will be identified with a permanent official identification consistent with the provisions of the USDA Scrapie Program and (2) Records of any sale of F1 progeny, including the name and address of the buyer, will be kept for a period of 5 years. APHIS may view and copy these records during normal business hours."

The complete document accompanies your copy of the USDA Import Permit and we strongly encourage you to read it in its entirety to familiarize yourself with the responsibilities involved in the use of this imported semen.

As you can see, there is some information that we, as the named importer and as a storage facility, must have from you for our records before using or releasing this ovine semen to maintain USDA/APHIS compliance.

Firstly, your acknowledgement and proof that you have a premise ID and are enrolled in the APHIS Scrapies Surveillance System Program.

Secondly, your premise ID/Flock ID number on file for our own records before distribution of semen can take place.

Thirdly, your assurance in writing confirming that you understand your responsibility as to identifying your F1 progeny(s) with a permanent tagging system that is USDA/APHIS compliant and your willingness to comply with the recordkeeping regarding F1 progeny and any sales of said progeny and maintain these records for the period of five years.

The USDA/APHIS stipulations surrounding use of this imported semen does not readily accommodate second party sales and therefore we strongly recommend that this product not be purchased with the intent to resell and should be for the sole use of the purchaser to facilitate surveillance and possible traceback by USDA/APHIS.

Considering the above, we are attaching the following form which must be completed by each client/producer who uses or requests shipment of this imported product from our storage facility. The original signed client/producer form will be kept on file with Super Sire Ltd. at their business address to maintain USDA/APHIS compliance and each producer will receive a copy for reference.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to assisting you in your breeding programs.

Martin and Joy Dally

EUROPEAN UNION IMPORTED OVINE SEMEN USE AGREEMENT

I/We _____
[name(s)]
Of _____
[farm/business name]
Located at _____
[address]

...certify that we are in compliance with the USDA/APHIS requirement that all flocks/producers receiving imported semen from the EU have Flock IDs and Premise IDs assigned and recorded in the Surveillance System/Scrapie (SCS SCR) and that we are enrolled in the Program.

Our Flock ID is _____
Our Premise ID is _____

We also certify that we are aware of the USDA/APHIS requirement that notification be given to the APHIS Veterinary Services SPRS District Office in the state in which our premise/farm is located when receiving or using the imported semen product. A copy of such notification, as provided to our District Office, is maintained within our records at our address.

We also certify that we have received a copy of the corresponding *USDA/APHIS Import Permit* and the accompanying *Information for Importers of Sheep/Goat Semen* outlining our responsibilities for use of this product and our responsibilities regarding further movement of this semen and will fulfill the requirements.

We also certify that we understand and are in compliance with the USDA/APHIS requirement regarding the identification, using permanent official USDA/APHIS compliant tagging, of all F-1 progeny (first generation) resulting from the use of the imported semen product and this recordkeeping is solely our responsibility to fulfill to the satisfaction of USDA/APHIS.

We certify that we will maintain accurate and complete records of any and all sales of F1 progeny, including the names and addresses of buyers, for a period of five years. These records can be viewed and copied by USDA/APHIS during normal business hours.

If I/we are found to be non-compliant by USDA/APHIS in any of the above requirements regarding shipment or use of EU imported semen product, I/we hold harmless the importer(s) involved and bear sole responsibility for such failure to fulfill the requirements.

[Date] _____ [Signature]

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