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Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

EXPORT ADVISORY NOTICE – 2009-01		24 February 2009	
Title:	US bovine embryo protocol and veterinary presence during insemination		
Species:	Cattle (embryos)		
Country:	US	File No.	2008/01295
Relevant to:	Embryo Transfer Veterinarians AQIS Regional Managers AQIS Live Animal Exports Officers		

### Purpose

To advise AQIS accredited embryo transfer veterinarians and AQIS staff of the US protocol requirements regarding veterinary presence during insemination of donors.

### Instructions

The US bovine embryo protocol specifies:

5.1 *The AQIS-approved veterinarian issuing the health certificate must personally observe the artificial insemination or natural breeding of the donor dam, the flushing of the embryos from the donor dam, and the processing of the recovered embryos for shipment to the United States.*

Biosecurity Australia has given advice that the AQIS accredited embryo transfer vet (ETV) must be *physically present* during insemination of the donor animal. The ETV will need to sign this declaration as per the model health certificate for bovine embryos to the US.

AQIS employed veterinary officers are required to undersign the declaration of the ETV as per the model health certificate for bovine embryos to the US.

Biosecurity Australia is currently negotiating with the US Department of Agriculture to review this clause of the protocol. In the interim all persons involved in the export of bovine embryos to the US are required to comply with clause 5.1 as stated above.

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