



The successor of the National Scrapie Plan since 2009

Request and approval form for release of semen from the Ovine Semen Archive (OSA) and transfer of ownership

Please read this information and the terms and conditions before completing the form. Instructions for returning the form are at the end of the document.

Between November 2020 and August 2022, the contents of OSA were as thoroughly reviewed and rationalised, meaning there is very little within the archive that is surplus to requirements. However, where more than 50 straws for a single ram are held, a request can be made to release semen. See www.nationalsheep.org.uk/nsa-and-osa for a list of what is held.

Terms and conditions of release

Anyone completing and signing this form agrees to the following terms and conditions.

- No request is guaranteed. The OSA Board rules on each individual request for release of semen and transfer of ownership; that decision is final and will be based in part on scrapie genotype (more below) and quantity of semen held.
- If a request is agreed, the fee is £10 per straw plus the cost of transferring the semen. The fee must be paid in advance of the semen being moved.
 - Transfer costs to an on-farm or other alternative facility are £40/ram plus a £25 administration fee plus VAT.
 - To transfer semen out of OSA but still to be stored by AB Europe, the cost is £20/ram plus a £25 administration fee plus VAT.
- The quality of the semen transferred cannot be guaranteed and there is no recourse if problems are identified after ownership has been transferred. Transfer of ownership is at the point the semen leaves OSA. Transfers will be undertaken by AB Europe, within its standard procedures. Please request this information from AB Europe.
- Semen in OSA was collected as part of the National Scrapie Plan and, therefore, is all scrapie susceptible (i.e. no group 1 rams are held within OSA). Group 2 and 3 rams will be considered for release for commercial use – but OSA urges responsibility when integrating the semen into breeding programmes. Group 4 and 5 rams will not be considered for release for commercial use but may be considered for research programmes.
- If a request is agreed, OSA cannot guarantee the relevant breed society will register any resulting progeny; individuals using the released semen are advised to check with the appropriate breed society beforehand. Please be aware that no progeny will be eligible for export outside the UK, due to its scrapie status.

Request for release of semen from OSA and transfer of ownership

Details of applicant

Name	
Address (including postcode)	
Email address	
Phone number(s)	

Ram(s) requested for release and transfer of ownership

Section to be completed by individual making the request			For OSA use		
Ram ID number and/or ram name	Breed	Number of doses requested	Scrapie genotype	Is the semen safe for release?	Is the semen available for release?
				Y/N	Y/N
				Y/N	Y/N
				Y/N	Y/N
				Y/N	Y/N

Please use this space to explain if you are representing a breed society / research organisation / breeding syndicate requesting group 4/5 rams

Where is the semen to be moved to? Please select one option

To be moved out of OSA but still stored by AB Europe. £20/ram + £25 administration fee + VAT.	To be moved out of OSA to an on-farm facility or alternative service provider. £40/ram + £25 administration fee + VAT.
	Details of where to make transfer to.

Signature of applicant

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form.	
Signature	Date

Please send completed forms to enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk.