Animal health requirements: breeding for purebred breeding bovine animals, storage of semen intended for intra-Community trade (amend. Directive 87/328/EEC)

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PURPOSE : to amend Directive 87/328/EEC as regards the storage of semen of bovine animals intended for intra-Community trade.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Directive.

CONTENT : Council Directive 88/407/EEC lays down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. This Directive has bee amended recently by Directive 2003/43/EC in view of allowing semen to be stored not only in "semen collection centres" (with own production) but also in "semen storage centres" (without own production).

Directive 87/328/EEC on the acceptance for breeding purposes of purebred breeding animals of the bovine species refers in Article 4 to animal health requirements for intra-Community trade and determines that semen from purebred breeding animals has to be collected, processed and stored in an "official approved insemination centre". Article 4 of Council Directive 87/328/EEC should be amended in order to avoid any confusion with the scope and definitions provided in Directive 88/407/EEC.