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**EXPORT OF PRIMATES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CANADA**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER**

1. **Scope of the certificate**

This certificate covers the export of primates from United Kingdom to Canada.

2. **Official Signature**

The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records. This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian, appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or AVI in the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation. OVs should apply the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with an OV stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB, APHA, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) and in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Room 922 Dundonald House, within 7 days of signature.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. **Import permit**

Exporters must obtain an import permit from the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA), and the original of the permit together with the health certificate must accompany the animal when it arrives at the entry point to Canada. The animals will be subject to post-import quarantine and health tests.

4. **Identification**

Paragraphs I and IV (m) refer. The animal must be identified by a microchip, and the microchip number and details of breed, sex and age must be fully completed. The microchip used must meet with ISO (International Standards Organisation) Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785.

5. **Laboratory Samples**

Paragraphs IV (d),(e),(f),(g),(h)&(j) refer. Before submitting samples for testing, OVs should contact the laboratory at APHA Weybridge to enable appropriate arrangements to be made, and to obtain any necessary advice about the handling of samples. If any of these tests are unavailable through APHA Weybridge or the other usual sources for testing, contact Public Health England, (Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory (RIPL), e-mail ripl@phe.gov.uk

tel: 01980 612 348.

For paragraph IV (h) the appropriate sample is at least 0.5 ml of serum. If necessary clotted blood may be sent, but it is preferable to spin it down and draw off the serum before despatch.

The samples must be sent to: The Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Virus Laboratory, Public Health England Specialist and Reference Microbiological Division, 61 Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5HT. OVs are advised to contact the laboratory prior to sending the samples by telephoning 0208 327 6971.

6. **Tuberculosis Testing**

Paragraph IV (d) refers. For common species two (2) tests must be administered at least two (2) weeks apart within a 30 period prior to export. The required test is the skin test using human PPD (the Mantoux test). The injection must consist of 0.1 ml of tuberculin at a concentration of 1000 units per ml, injected into the eyelid. However for very small species such as marmosets and tamarins only one (1) test should be performed in the abdominal skin rather than the eyelid.

The OV must be aware that this tuberculin is not licensed for use in primates, and the owner should be advised that the use of any product outwith the data sheet would entail a risk of adverse reactions.

If the tuberculin is unavailable from (Vaccine Supply Team, National Infection Service, Public Health England TBsection@phe@gov.uk tel: 020 7654 8299 or chris.lucas@phe.gov.uk tel: 020 7654 8299), due to supply problems, exporters have found an alternative source from the National Institute of Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC) Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 3QG email: enquiries@nibsc.org, tel 01707 641000, fax 01707 641050.

7. **Residence declaration**

The declaration in paragraph IV (a) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis of a written declaration from the owner/agent of the owner. OVs should keep these declarations for record purposes. Owners and exporters/agents

8. **Attached health documents**

Paragraph IV (l) refers. It is a requirement that all records relating to vaccination, tests, treatments and any other relevant health history must be attached to the health certificate.

9. **Clinical inspection**

Paragraph IV (m) refers. The Canadian conditions do not stipulate a time limit prior to departure within which the inspection must take place. It would be consistent with international practice if the inspection were to be carried out no more than 48 hours prior to despatch.

10. **Owner/Exporter declarations**

Paragraphs IV (a) and (n) refer. The declarations should not be attached to the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record purposes. In part IV (n)(iii) relating to disinfection, disinfectants are approved by DEFRA under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 2007 (as amended). The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant approved on the basis of their efficacy against certain viruses. DEFRA approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

In part IV(n)(iii) relating to IATA conditions, the owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport meet the standards laid down by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). He/she should ask the transporting airline to confirm this, and if necessary provide a copy of the relevant conditions.

11. **No paragraph (i)**

Note that the paragraph notation in the certificate reads IV (h) to IV (j) with paragraph IV (i) omitted. This is intentional as Roman numeral ‘i’ is used to number indented paragraphs. Use of the symbol ‘i’ for both paragraphs and sub-paragraphs could lead to confusion.

12. **C.I.T.E.S**

This certificate does not provide exemption from other legislation laid down for the protection or conservation of certain wild species, e.g. the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.).

Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department at the following address:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service (WLRS)

Zone 1/17, Temple Quay House, No.2 The Square, Temple Quay,

Bristol, BS1 6EB. Tel: 0117 372 8774. Fax: 0117 372 8206

13. **Welfare**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

**ENGLAND,** Centre for International Trade, Animal and Plant

**SCOTLAND** Health Agency (APHA), Eden Bridge House, Lowther

**AND WALES** St CA3 8DX

 Tel: /03000 200 301/0208 0260 498

 E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

**NORTHERN** Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural

**IRELAND** Affairs, Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB

 DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

 DAERA Helpline email

 daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk

 DAERA Textphone 028 9052 4420

14. **Disclaimer**

This certificate is provided on the basis of information available at the time and may not necessarily comply fully with the requirements of the importing country.  It is the exporter’s responsibility to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country.  If these do not match, the exporter should contact the APHA Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>