

EXPORT OF LABORATORY MICE TO HONG KONG

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPORTER, THE VETERINARIAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTITUTION OF ORIGIN, AND THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Scope of the certificate

1. This certificate covers the export of laboratory mice for scientific purposes to Hong Kong. The original version must accompany the animals during their journey.

Official Signature

2. This certificate must be signed by two separate veterinarians. Part A must be completed and signed by the veterinarian who is routinely responsible for the animals in the scientific institute from which the mice are to be exported. It is not obligatory for this veterinarian to be an LVI. After the institute veterinarian has signed Part A they must arrange for the certificate to be provided to a whole time Government veterinary officer so that they can complete Part B.

Note that Part A must be signed within 5 days of export, so that the paragraph referring to clinical inspection of the animals can be completed. This should allow adequate time for Part B to be completed by the whole time Government veterinarian.

Both veterinarians must apply their stamp and signature in ink of any colour other than black.

Countersignature Requirements

This certificate must be countersigned by an APHA Veterinarian.

All requests for countersignature must be submitted to the Centre for International Trade - Carlisle (CITC) at least two working days in advance of the requested date/time of countersignature using Request for APHA Veterinarian Countersignature of an Export Health Certificate (ET145) application.

The ET145 application can be submitted to CITC:

- as an attachment, at the same time you complete an online application for certification, on the Export Health Certificates (EHC) Online service, or
- by email to processingteam@apha.gov.uk

Upon receipt of your ET145 application CITC will liaise with an APHA Veterinarian at your preferred countersigning office/area to make arrangements for countersignature to take place and notify you of the arrangements made.

Bona fide Scientific Institution

3. Paragraphs IV (a) and V (b). The institution may be considered 'bona fide' if it has been granted a Home Office licence for live animal research.

Biosecurity of the colony

4. Paragraphs IV (b) and V (c) refer. The institute veterinarian should certify this on the basis of personal knowledge. The full-

time government veterinarian may feel that he/she can certify on the basis of a signed statement from the institute veterinarian, or if they feel that in the particular circumstances a personal inspection is necessary, this should be arranged.

Disease freedom of the colony

5. Paragraphs IV (c) and V (d) refer. The institute veterinarian must certify this on the basis of clinical history, supported by any laboratory reports and pathological examinations that have taken place. The full-time government veterinarian may require to see any such reports before certifying paragraph V (d).

Clinical inspection

6. The inspection at paragraph IV (f) must be carried within 5 days prior to the intended date of shipment. Sufficient time must be allowed for the certificate to be subsequently completed by the full-time government veterinarian, as laid out in paragraph 2 above.

Return of copy of the export health certificate

8. A certified copy of this certificate must be returned by the OV to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) within 7 days of the certificate's issue.

9. **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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Centre for International Trade in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

Welfare of Animals

10. Exporters should be reminded that they must comply with the British laws relating to the welfare of animals. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the following offices:-

ENGLAND Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Animal Welfare Division, 1A Page Street
London SW1P 4PQ
Tel: 020 7904 6000 Fax: 020 7904 6364

SCOTLAND The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs
Department, Animal Welfare Division
Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan
Edinburgh EH14 1TW
Tel: 0131-244 6178 Fax: 0131-244 6616

WALES National Assembly of Wales, Animal Welfare Division
Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ
Tel: 01222-823953 Fax: 01222-823352