

EXPORT OF BIRDS (INCLUDING PIGEONS) TO IRAN

HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CERTIFYING VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6525EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6525EHC. We strongly suggest that exporters obtain full details of the importing country's requirements from the veterinary authorities in the country concerned, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 6525EHC may be used for the export of birds (including pigeons) from Great Britain to Iran.

2. RETURN OF COPY OF THE EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government - Department for Rural Affairs, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) or Divisional Veterinary Officer in NI (DVO-NI) within seven days of issue. The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. IDENTIFICATION

When the space in the bird identification section of the certificate is insufficient to accommodate details of all birds in the consignment, a separate schedule may be used to identify the birds certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in the identification section of the certificate, which should be annotated "see attached schedule". The certifying LVI must draw a line under the last entry and sign, date and affix the LVI stamp in a colour other than black on each page of the schedule and under the last entry, in order to prevent the unauthorised addition of more entries. The pages of the schedule must be firmly stapled to the export health certificate and each referenced with the reference number of the particular export health certificate at the top right-hand corner. The corners of each sheet should be turned over, 'fanned' and stamped with the LVI stamp. If sex and age of the birds are known they should be entered in the certificate or schedule.

4. IMPORT PERMIT

An import permit must be obtained from the Iran Veterinary Organization before the birds are exported. This permit must accompany the animal. Failure to comply with any stipulated condition can lead to refusal of entry.

Consignments imported by air must obtain approval from the Animal Health Department 48 hours before the aircraft arrives so that the Civil Aviation Administration can be notified.

5. CLINICAL INSPECTION

The inspection at paragraph IV.(a) must be carried out within 48 hours of the intended date of export.

6. ISOLATION

Paragraph IV.(b) refers. Animals must be isolated under veterinary supervision for 30 days prior to export, with no direct or indirect contact with animals not similarly certified. The official veterinarian, or another veterinary surgeon acting on behalf of the official veterinarian, should visit the premises at the start and end of the isolation period and on at least one occasion during the isolation period.

7. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

The certification contained in paragraph IV.(c) may be signed on behalf of Defra provided the Official Veterinarian (OV) is in receipt of written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to the OV within 10 days before shipment.

8. VACCINATION HISTORY

The OV must record at paragraph IV.(d) details of any vaccination carried out. If none, this should be indicated within the delineated boxes.

9. WELFARE OF ANIMALS

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 should be reminded that they must comply with the British laws relating to the welfare of animals. If the birds are being transported by air, the relevant standards of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) must be met. Information about the necessary requirements (e.g. cage sizes, construction etc.) may be obtained from the following offices:-

ENGLAND Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
Tel: 020 7238 5865 / Fax: 020 7238 6009

SCOTLAND The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate,
Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh, EH14 1TW
Tel: 0131 556 8400 ext 6181/Fax: 0131 244 6616

WALES Welsh Assembly Government - Department for Rural Affairs,
Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ
Tel: 02920 823593/Fax: 02920 823352

10. DISCLAIMER

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 International Animal Health Service Delivery Unit (IAHSDU) via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>

