

## EXPORT OF AFRICAN HUNTING DOGS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO NEW ZEALAND

### NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN 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 7953EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7953EHC. 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 7953EHC may be used for the export of African hunting dogs from the United Kingdom to New Zealand. A separate EHC should be completed for each animal.

#### 2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

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 DAERA, Room 922 Dundonald House, Belfast, within seven days of signature.

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

#### 3. IDENTIFICATION

Each animal must be identified with a microchip transponder. The identification details must be shown on the accompanying certification. The identity of the animal must be confirmed by reading the microchip each time a treatment, vaccine or test is performed. The microchip number must be recorded on all test results (if applicable) and treatment records.

The New Zealand veterinary authorities recommend that microchip brands adopted by the International Standards Organisation (ISO) should be used. Non-ISO compatible chips may not be capable of being read by the microchip readers used by the New Zealand authorities and therefore the exporter/agent MUST provide a reader which is able to read the identification code of the implanted microchip at the point of entry into New Zealand.

4. **OWNER/EXPORTER'S DECLARATION**

With reference to paragraphs IV (a), i., ii., iii., (b) i. and (c), the owner/exporter must provide to the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN a written declaration stating that the hunting dog:

- Will be more than 12 weeks of age at the date of shipment.
- Will not be more than 42 days pregnant at the date of shipment.
- Has been continuously resident in the United Kingdom, since birth or for a minimum of 6 months immediately prior to export.
- Was isolated from all other animals not of the same health and residency status for 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export

There is no standard form provided by DEFRA for the above. It is the owner/exporter's responsibility to produce such a document.

In addition to obtaining the declarations above from the owner/exporter and examining the hunting dog, the OV must make due enquiry to satisfy him/herself that the hunting dog complies with the requirements of the above paragraphs. This should include inspection of any relevant records or documents which may provide supporting evidence, vaccination records etc.

5. **TESTING**

With reference to paragraph IV (b) ii. c., (d) and (e) all testing must be carried out as specified in the certificate at an official laboratory - currently APHA Weybridge. APHA Weybridge may sub-contract certain tests to other laboratories.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that all samples for testing are submitted as early as possible in the permitted pre-export period to allow for re-sampling and re-testing which is sometimes necessary.

Paragraph IV. (d) ii. refer. The tests for **Leptospira interrogans var canicola, Brucella Canis, Dirofilaria (antigen ELISA) and Leptospira** require a minimum of 4 ml of clotted blood or 2 ml of serum.

**Laboratory Reports** (original or certified copies) are required to be attached to the export health certificate to be sent with the animal to New Zealand.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV (b) i. provided written authority to do so have been obtained on form 618NDC from the Animal & Plant Health Agency, Centre for International Trade Carlisle on form 618NDC.

7. **TRANSPORT CRATE**

Paragraph IV (f) refers. The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport for his/her animal meet the standards laid down by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

The Official Veterinarian should confirm by inspection that the container is either new, or else suitably cleaned, dry and free from pests (especially ticks) and dirt. If there is any doubt about it

having been suitably disinfected, it may either be disinfected again prior to placing the cat into it, or a written statement may be sought from the owner/exporter.

**8. 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 N.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** Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX  
Tel: 01228 403600 / Fax 01228 591900 /  
E-mail: [CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk)

**NORTHERN** Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural  
**IRELAND** Affairs, Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper  
Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB  
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

**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 APHA Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#specialist-service-centres-ssc>