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**EXPORT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS (MICE AND RATS), THEIR EMBRYONIC FORMS, SPERM AND CELL CULTURES FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**NOTES FOR 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 7293EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7293EHC. 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 7293EHC may be used for the export of laboratory animals (mice and rats), their embryonic forms, sperm and cell cultures from Great Britain to the Russian Federation.

1. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

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, or Welsh Government

-Department for Rural Affairs, 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre – Exports in Carlisle, within seven days of issue.

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

3. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph 2.1. refers. Rabbit fever is also known as tularemia. This bullet point together with that for Rift Valley fever may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre - Exports, Carlisle on form 618NDC.

4. **PREMISES DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph 2.1. refers – covering from the 5th to the 20th bullet point. Clearance for anthrax, rabies, and Aujeszky’s disease can be given by the SSC – Exports, in Carlisle on form 618NDC. The OV/exporters should give sufficient time for enquiries to be made.

Clearance for the other diseases mentioned in Paragraph 2.1. can be made on the basis of personal knowledge and/or reference to records from the premises, or on the basis of certification from another veterinarian.

5. **QUARATINE/ISOLATION**

Paragraph 2.2. refers. It can be assumed that the quarantine period of not less than 21 days takes place immediately prior to export.

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6. **TRANSPORTATION/CAGES**

Paragraph 2.3. refers. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) provides written guidelines for transport conditions including cage design specifications. The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport meet the standards laid down by IATA. He/she should ask the transporting airline to confirm this, and if necessary provide a copy of the relevant conditions.

A DEFRA approved disinfectant should be used. Disinfectants are approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1978 (as amended). The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant approved on the basis of their efficacy against certain notifiable disease 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.

7. **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** Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR Tel: 0845 603 8395

**SCOTLAND** Scottish Government – Rural and Environment Directorate, Spur P, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD Tel: 0300 244 9243 / Fax: 0300 244 9797

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

8. **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 – Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

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