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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPORT OF PIGEONS\*\* TO CANADA

No: .....

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EXPORTING COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM

FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Number and identification of the birds

Total number of birds
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(if necessary, a separate schedule should be attached)

Leg/Wing band/microchip number OR container seal number	Total number of birds in the container	Common name of species	Colour	Sex	Age

II. Origin of the birds

a) Name and address of exporter:

b) Address of pre-export quarantine premises:

III. Destination of the birds

a) Name and address of consignee in Canada:

\*\*This EHC is applicable for pigeons and all species of doves

- b) Canadian import permit:
- c) Means of transportation:  
(direct flight only)

**IV. Health Information**

I, the undersigned, certify that the birds described above meet the following requirements:

- a) the birds originate from the United Kingdom (or a zone within it) which is officially free from **Newcastle disease (ND)** (an infection of birds classed as commercial livestock caused by an avian strain of the paramyxovirus type 1 with an intra-cerebral pathogenicity index (ICPI) in one-day-old chicks greater than 0.7);
- b) the birds originate from the United Kingdom (or a zone or compartment within it) which is officially free from **Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI)**, according to the criteria of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH);
- c) The birds were kept in an HPAI free country, zone or compartment since they were hatched or for the past 21 days;
- d) as far as it can be determined, the birds for export have not been vaccinated for **avian influenza**;
- e) a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter stating that:

**\*i. EITHER**

the birds have been continually resident in the United Kingdom for at least 60 days prior to isolation for export, and during the past 30 days have been kept solely at the premises in paragraph **II. b)** above, and showed no clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease;

**\*ii. OR**

the birds were hatched in, and have never been outside, the United Kingdom and during the past 30 days have been kept solely at the premises in paragraph **II. b)** above, and showed no clinical sign of infection with a virus which would be considered **avian influenza** in poultry;

**AND**

**\*iii. EITHER**

the United Kingdom has an official surveillance plan for NAI in place that has been carried out in the establishment of origin within the past 21 days prior to shipment;

**\*iv. OR**

a representative sample of the shipment (60 birds or the entire shipment if the total number of birds is less than 60) was subjected to a diagnostic test cloacal swabs (PCR or VI) within the 21 days prior to shipment to demonstrate freedom from infection with NAI;

Date of testing:

- f) \*i. **EITHER** the bird(s) for export are individually identified with the leg band/wing band/microchip number recorded in paragraph I. above;
- \*ii. **OR** the container(s) have been sealed with the numbers recorded in paragraph I. above;
- g) on (date), being within 30 days of the start of quarantine, I inspected all birds comprising the flock(s) of origin and found them to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease;
- h) on (date), being within 30 days of the date of export, I inspected the birds described in paragraph I. above, and found them to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious disease;
- j) The owner/exporter has been instructed to report any suspected illness or death(s) affecting the birds described in paragraph I. above, and all the birds in the flock(s) of origin between the date of the inspection and the date of shipment. No bird has been removed from the pre-embarkation quarantine premises unless duly discharged by me and no animals of a lesser health status were introduced onto the approved pre-embarkation quarantine premises during the quarantine period;
- k) the pre-export quarantine premises at paragraph II (b) are approved by the competent authority of the United Kingdom for quarantine purposes, and were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected to my satisfaction prior to the entry of the said birds for export and all testing or treatment procedures have been conducted under my direct supervision. Care has been taken to ensure the sterility of all equipment and veterinary products associated with the conditions of the export certificate;
- l) Transportation of the birds from the premises of origin to the pre-export quarantine facilities was under my direct supervision, or under official seal, in vehicles or containers that had been cleaned and disinfected and without coming into contact with other susceptible birds, unless these birds had sanitary guarantees similar to those of the transported birds;
- m) on (date), being not less than 30 days and not more than 180 days prior to the intended date of export, the said birds for export were vaccinated against **Newcastle disease** (pigeon paramyxovirus 1) under my supervision, using the following authorised, inactivated vaccine according to the manufacturer's instructions:
- Name of vaccine:
- n) I inspected the birds described in paragraph I. above within 24 hours of shipment and found them to be free from evidence of infectious or contagious diseases, including **avian influenza** and as far as can be determined, free from exposure thereto, and the said birds are fit to be transported without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or other cause;

Date of inspection:

No: .....

- o) a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter stating that:
  - i. if travelling by air, the transportation of the birds will be in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations;
  - ii. suitable arrangements have been made for the feeding, watering and care of the birds during transport;
  - iii. the birds will be transported from the pre-embarkation quarantine premises directly to the port of embarkation in a conveyance, be it a vehicle, container, or other thing that was previously cleaned and disinfected. During transit from the pre-embarkation quarantine premises to the port of loading and embarkation, the birds will not contact any birds or equipment used with animals of a lesser health status.

\* Delete if not applicable

V. This certificate is valid for 10 days.

Date ..... Signed .....RCVS

Stamp Name in block letters .....

Official Veterinarian

Address .....  
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