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No:

CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF GIANT OTTERS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO TRINIDAD

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: UNITED KINGDOM

FOR COMPLETION BY: OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

I. Identification of the animal

Identification Marks Microchip Number/Location	Description	Sex	Date of Birth and Age

II. Origin of the animal:

a) Name and address of exporter:

b) Name and address of the establishment where the animal was examined:

III. Destination of the animal

a) Name and address of consignee:

b) Means of transportation including ship or flight number:

IV. Health Information

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, declare that:

- (a) The United Kingdom is officially free of rabies, and has been free for the past 6 months, according to the rules of the World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
- (b) The animal was/were born and has/have been continuously resident in a government registered zoo, licensed zoo or wildlife park in the United Kingdom or has been resident for 12 months prior to the scheduled date of export
- (c) There have been no identified cases of *Trichinella spp* infection during the previous 5 years, or cases of bovine tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*) during the previous 3 years in any animal species resident in the zoo or wildlife park.
- (d) For at least 90 days prior to the scheduled date of export, the otters and zoos or wildlife parks in which the otters have resided, have been free of quarantine restrictions or other official restriction on account of disease.
- (e) The otter(s) was/were examined within 48 hours prior to export and was healthy and free of clinical signs of infectious diseases applicable to the species.
- (f) The otters was/were isolated from all other animals not of the same health and residency status for at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of export to Trinidad and Tobago in pre-export isolation (PEI) premises approved and supervised by an Official Veterinarian.
- (g) During this isolation period the otter(s) has/have not been in contact with any other animals not of the same health status.
- (h) During the PEI period of 30 days, the otter(s) was/were treated for endoparasites using the following treatment regime:
- (i) Two subcutaneous injections of ivermectin at a dose of 0.4 mg/kg at an interval of 10 to 14 days ;
Date of 1st treatment: _____ Date of 2nd treatment _____
 - (ii) Three consecutive daily doses of fenbendazole at a dose of 50 mg/kg per os;
Dates of treatment _____
 - (iii) Two treatments at a minimum of 14 days apart with a compound effective against Echinococcus species
Active ingredient and dose rate: _____
Dates of treatment _____
 - (iv) The otter(s) tested negative for *Dirofilaria immitis* using:
A microfilariae concentration test, and two antigen tests, 21 days apart
Tests used: _____
Dates of test _____
 - (v) Within the first 14 days of PEI the otter(s) was/were treated for ectoparasites with a compound capable of killing fleas, mites, lice and ticks.
Active ingredients and dose rate: _____
Dates of treatment: _____
 - (vi) Within 72 hours of export the otter(s) were again treated with a compound capable of killing ectoparasites fleas, mites, lice and ticks.
Active ingredient and dose rate: _____
Date of treatment: _____

(j) The otter(s) was/were subjected to two faecal examinations, at least 14 days apart, using a floatation concentration method able to detect 1 parasitic nematode egg/3g of faeces, with negative results (method based on that of :Egwang TG, Slocombe JOD. Evaluation of the Cornwell-Wisconsin centrifugal floatation technique for recovering trichostrongylid eggs from bovine faeces. Canadian Journal of Comparative medicine 46, 133-7, 1982)

Date of faecal examination:

A faecal sample from the/each otter was cultured for Salmonellae and Yersinia ruckeri with negative results.

Date of sampling:

(k) The otter(s) was/were treated for Leptospirosis with:

EITHER 2 injections of long-acting oxytetracycline 20mg/kg 10 days apart;
OR Oral doxycycline at a therapeutic dose rate for 14 consecutive days.

Active ingredient and dose rate:

Dates of treatment:

(l) The otter(s) was/were examined by an Official Veterinarian and found to be free from clinical signs of infectious disease and external parasites prior to export.

V. Transport

A declaration has been received from the exporter stating that:

- (a) The vehicles in which the animal(s) will be transported from the PEI premises to the port of departure have been cleaned and disinfected.
- (b) During transport to the port of departure the animal(s) will be kept isolated from animals that are not of equivalent health status.
- (c) During transport to the port of departure and during transit to Trinidad, feed provided will be free from evidence of contamination with ticks and weeds/weed seeds.
- (d) If being shipped by air, the animals will be shipped in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.
- (e) The crates or pens to be used for transporting the animals to Trinidad are new.
- (f) During transport, the use of straw or hay as bedding will not be used. Only sterile peat, soft board or other inert approved products will be used.
- (g) The crates or pens were sealed by an official Veterinarian using seals bearing the unique mark or identification number:

VI. This certificate is valid for 10 days

Stamp

SignedRCVS

Name in block letters:

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Official Veterinarian

Date

Address:

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