

EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF REGISTERED CANADIAN HORSES  
RETURNING TO CANADA AFTER A LESS THAN 90 DAYS STAY IN THE UK (RE-  
ENTRY CERTIFICATE) - 7424NFG

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the 7424EHC "Export of registered Canadian horses returning to Canada after a less than 90 days stay in the UK". 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.

A valid import permit is required to accompany exports of horses for permanent entry from the UK into Canada. Exporters should seek advice from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regarding import permits.

[National Import Service Centre - Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(canada.ca\)](http://canada.ca)

1. **SCOPE**

The export health certificate should be used to accompany Canadian horses returning to Canada from the UK after a less than 90 days stay in the UK.

2. **DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph II.3.1, II.3.2, II.3.3, II.4, II.5, II.6 and II.7 refers. Japanese encephalitis is considered to be notifiable as it is an equine encephalitis. For residencies in the UK only, these may be signed on behalf of the Department by an OV provided written authority from the APHA.

3. **FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE**

The text and layout of this certificate has been agreed between the United Kingdom and the CFIA to enable the export of registered Canadian horses returning to Canada after a less than 90 days stay in the UK.

Specific guidance on completing this certificate is provided via Notes in the certificate itself and in these notes.

4. **COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT**

**I.2a - Certificate reference number**

This will be completed by the issuing APHA office or DAERA if exported from Northern Ireland.

**I.2b - Import permit number**

Please insert here the number.

**I.3 - Central Competent Authority**

This should be completed or be pre-populated with "Defra". When the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

**I.4 - Local Competent Authority**

This should be completed or pre-populated with "Animal and Plant Health Agency". When the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

**I.5 - Consignee**

Enter the details of the importer.

**I.6** - Enter related certificate and document numbers, if any. Otherwise, please strike through.

**I.7 and I.9 - Country ISO Codes**

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for the whole of the **United Kingdom** is "GBR" and this is pre-populated at **Box I.7**.

The ISO Code for **Canada** is "CAN" and should be entered at **Box I.9**.

**I.8** - Intentionally struck through.

**I.10** - Enter the region of destination.

**I.11 - Place of origin**

Enter the details of establishment of dispatch.

**I.12** - Enter place of destination.

**I.13** - Enter place of loading.

**I.14 - Date and time of departure**

The date of departure must be entered in the format **dd/mm/yyyy**.

**I.15 - Means of transport**

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated.

The option 'Other' is not applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected.

The **Identification Number(s)** should be completed with the name of the vessel and, if known, the flight number of the aircraft.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

**I.16** - intentionally struck through.

**I.17** - intentionally struck through.

**I.18** - intentionally struck through.

**I.19** - intentionally struck through.

**I.20** - intentionally struck through.

I.21 - intentionally struck through.

I.22 - Commodities certified for

The relevant box should be ticked.

I.23 - Transit through 3<sup>rd</sup> country

The relevant box should be ticked if the EHC is used for transit. If not, the box should be struck through.

I.24 - For Export

The relevant box should be ticked if the EHC is used for export.

I.25 - Identification of the commodities

If the consignment consists of several different animals then it may be necessary to use a separate schedule to identify the full consignment. The schedule must, as a minimum, contain the same information as that required in **Box I.25** of the certificate and this box must be annotated "See Attached Schedule".

Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the **Certificate reference number** and/or **certificate reference number** and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also.

Any blank spaces in the schedule or in **Box I.25** should be struck through with diagonal lines.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian authorised on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA), who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation, or who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes.

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in a colour that must be different to the colour of the printing of the certificate

Instructions on certified copies, retention and returning of the same can be found in APHA Vet Gateway, please make sure you follow the latest government guidance.

OV Instructions (defra.gov.uk)

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

6 IDENTIFICATION

The identification details in Box I.25 need to be completed as explained in the Notes (Part I) at the bottom of the EHC. The system is the passport and microchip, and their numbers need to

be recorded. The horses passport must also accompany the certificate and detailed in I.25. OV's must be satisfied that the horse is adequately identified each time that samples are taken for pre-export testing and at the time of the pre-export examination.

**7 CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

Paragraph II.2 refers. OV's should carry out the final clinical examination and complete the export health certificate within 72 hours of export.

**8 TRANSPORT**

Paragraph II.14 refers. IATA Standards: The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport meet the standards laid down by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). He/she should ask the transporting airline to confirm this, and if necessary provide a copy of the relevant conditions. Published copies of the IATA conditions can be purchased via the following link:

IATA Live Animals Regulations:

<https://www.iata.org/en/publications/store/live-animals-regulations/>

Route: Horses must be shipped directly from the United Kingdom to Canada unless written authorisation for routing via another country has been obtained from the CFIA.

**9 POST IMPORT CHECKS**

Each horse is subject to a post-import checks, quarantine and restrictions on arrival in Canada as specified in the import permit issued by the CFIA.

**10. 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 Customer Service Centre in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>