

EXPORT OF TURKEY POULTS/HATCHING EGGS TO GHANA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to the Official Veterinarian (OV) and the exporter. The NFG should have been issued to you together with its related export health certificate. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the health certificate. 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

This certificate 954EHC can be used for turkey poult / hatching eggs to Ghana.

2. Official Signature

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), The Scottish Government, The Welsh Government, or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA), 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 APHA - Exports in Carlisle, within seven days of issue.

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

3. Clinical inspection

The inspection at paragraph IV (a) must be carried out within 24 hours prior to the date of export.

4. Notifiable Disease

Paragraph IV (b) may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland before shipment.

Consignments would only be certified if the farms and hatchery of origin are free from HPAI and ND, and are not within a 10 km disease control zone, as per UK domestic regulations for the control of either HPAI or ND. For farms of origin, farms cannot have been inside such a zone during the 90 days prior to egg collection.

5. Poultry Health Scheme Membership

Paragraphs IV (c) and (f) refer.

Paragraph (c) specifies membership of a government supervised poultry health scheme. This means either the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) within Great Britain, or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) within Northern Ireland. Both schemes fully implement the conditions of the EU poultry trade Directive 2009/158/EC, including the requirement for regular inspections by an official veterinarian.

Paragraph (f) requires farms of origin to be subject to regular health controls in accordance with national legislation. This can be achieved by the requirements of PHS/NIPHAS, so can be certified on this basis.

The OV may certify membership of a poultry health scheme provided that he/she has received written confirmation from Animal Health (form 618NDC), which will be sent to him/her before shipment (or the equivalent arrangement in Northern Ireland).

6. **Support Certification**

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, he/she should complete form 954SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV) c), d), e) and f) of 954EHC are complied with.

7. Regular health control in accordance with national legislation, in the context of paragraph IV f) of the 954EHC and V d) of the 954SUP, refers to compliance with the national legislation for the National Control Programme (NCP) and the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS).

8. **Sanitisation**

Paragraph IV g) refers. The hatching eggs/ day old chicks hatched from the eggs that had their surfaces sanitised in accordance with the recommendations of the WOAHA terrestrial code. The OV may certify the procedures surrounding egg collection and sanitisation in one of two ways. Either the OV must have been present during the processes to personally observe them, or else the OV must visit the premises on a frequent and routine basis during which these processes are regularly observed and confirmed to be satisfactory, and have received a written record from a responsible person confirming that they have been carried out in the normal way to a satisfactory standard in respect of this particular export consignment, and have sufficient familiarity with the establishment and confidence in its management practices to have no reasonable doubt about the processes in this particular case.

9. **Owner/Exporter's Declaration**

Paragraph IV h) refers. The declaration should not be attached to the health certificate but should be retained by the OV for record purposes.

10. **Vaccination History**

Paragraphs IV (g) refer. If the veterinarian responsible for the premises of origin cannot certify this statement on the basis of his/her personal knowledge he/she should obtain a written declaration from the flock owner/manager.

All vaccines with a marketing authorisation for use in the UK conform to the standards of the OIE Manual.

11. **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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>

12. **Welfare of Animals**

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 UK 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.

Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - 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>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB. DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

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