

## EXPORT OF DAY OLD DUCKLINGS TO GHANA

### NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN 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.

**EXPORTERS MAY USE THIS CERTIFICATE, BUT AT THEIR OWN RISK WHICH CAN BE REDUCED BY ENSURING THE IMPORTER CHECKS THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BORDER INSPECTORS/ GHANA'S AUTHORITIES.**

Please note that this Department will assume, unless informed otherwise by an exporter or by the veterinary authorities in the country of destination, that certificate 8092EHC meets Ghana's import requirements and, therefore, that it is acceptable to the importing country's authorities, however this cannot be guaranteed. Destination countries may change their requirements at short notice; not inform the Department until after a change has been made; or, in some cases, not inform the Department at all.

**It is therefore strongly advised that exporters check with their customers that certificates are acceptable to the authorities in the country of destination in advance of each consignment. This Department will not accept liability should it turn out that certification supplied by us does not meet an importing country's requirement.**

1. Scope of the certificate.

This certificate may be used for the export of domestic day old ducklings (*Anas platyrhynchos*) to Ghana.

2. Official Signature

In Great Britain, this certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an authorised Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

In Northern Ireland, this certificate may be signed by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK.**

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade(CIT)- Exports, Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle CA3 8DX; and in Northern Ireland to DAERA, Room 922 Dundonald House, Belfast BT4 3SB, within seven days of signature.

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 intended time of export.

4. **Poultry Health Scheme Membership**

Paragraphs IV (b) and (f) refer. Membership of a poultry health scheme may be certified in GB if the flocks of origin are members of the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS), and in Northern Ireland if they are members of the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS). Both schemes fully implement the conditions of Council Directive 2009/158/EC, on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in poultry and hatching eggs, and the Directive implements and exceeds all the standards of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, chapter 6.4.

The certifying OV will receive written confirmation (form 618NDC) that the flocks are currently members of a scheme from the Animal Health office (APHA or DAERA) which issued the certificate prior to export.

With reference to negative test results in paragraph IV (f):  
The OV is personally responsible for obtaining confirmation that all the test results have been negative. The certifying OV must check the laboratory reports, or receive written confirmation from the veterinarian who is normally responsible for the flocks of origin (which would normally be provided on form 8092SUP). Serology tests may occasionally turn up false positives, and these may be regarded as negative if further confirmatory testing has shown a negative result.

5. **Flock Health Record**

Paragraphs IV (c) and (e) refer. 'Evidence' should be taken as including clinical signs, information from production and mortality records, laboratory reports and pathological examinations. If the certifying OV is not personally responsible for the flocks of origin, he/she may certify on the basis of a support certificate (8092SUP) provided by the veterinarian who is normally responsible for those flocks.

6. **Notifiable Disease Clearance.**

Paragraphs IV (d)(i) and (ii), and (g)(i) and (ii) refer. These paragraphs may be certified if both the hatchery and the farms of origin are situated in either a country which is officially free from the named diseases, or in a part of the country which is not affected by any restriction zones imposed under EU regulations (Directive 92/66/EEC for Newcastle disease, and Directive 2005/94/EC for avian influenza). Outside any officially restricted zones the rest of the country is considered a disease-free zone.

The OV will receive written authority (Form 618NDC) to certify concerning the free zones from either APHA or DAERA within 10 days before shipment.

7. **Newcastle Disease vaccination**

Paragraphs IV (g)(iii) and (iv) refer. Vaccination is not obligatory in either the flocks of origin or the ducklings. But if either have been vaccinated, the details of the latest vaccinations must be given.

8. **Clean packing materials**

Paragraph IV (h) refers. The OV must personally observe the materials that will be used to pack and transport the ducklings.

9. **Air Transport welfare**

Paragraph IV (j) refers. The OV must obtain a written statement from a responsible member of the exporting company. The statement should **not** be sent with the health certificate, but should be kept by the OV for reference purposes. For further details about welfare in transport see paragraph 13 below.

10. **Support certification**

If the certifying OV is not personally responsible for the flocks of origin, he/she may certify on the basis of a support certificate (8092SUP) signed by the veterinarian who is normally responsible for those flocks. The support certificate will be issued by APHA/DAERA at the same time as the main health certificate.

11. **No paragraph 'i'**

Paragraph numbering goes from IV (h) to (j). Paragraph (i) is deliberately omitted to avoid confusion, as the figure 'i' is used to denote sub-paragraphs.

12. **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>

13. **WELFARE DURING TRAVEL**

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>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

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