

EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS TO IRAQ

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPORTER AND OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

1. 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.

2. Scope of the certificate

This certificate is to be used for the export of day old chicks to Iraq.

3. 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 an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by 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/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI 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/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

4. Import Permit

Exporters should be reminded that they must apply for an import permit from the authorities in Iraq.

Exporters should be aware that it is a requirement of Iraq that the issued 6889EHC must be validated by the Embassy of Iraq in London before exports. The permit may also contain additional requirements which the exporter will be responsible to ensure compliance with.

5. Notifiable Disease Clearance

Paragraphs IV a) refers. This paragraph may be certified by the OV in United Kingdom provided he/she has received written authority, for GB from the APHA Centre for International Trade in Carlisle, or in N. Ireland from the relevant issuing office, specifying which section can be certified on the basis of information given to the issuing office on premises of origin.

If authority is given to certify IV a) (ii), the premises are considered in a 'free zone' for ND and HPAI if the flocks of origin and the hatchery are outside of any zone established around an infected premises for disease control purposes.

Authority may be given for IV a) (iii) if all of the premises are approved premises in the GB Poultry Compartment scheme.

6. **Clinical inspections**

The inspection at paragraph IV c) must be carried out within 24 hours prior to the intended time of export.

7. **Membership of a Poultry Health Scheme**

Paragraph IV d) refers. In Great Britain the relevant scheme is the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS). In Northern Ireland the local equivalent is the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS). Both schemes implement the conditions of the EU poultry trade Directive 2009/158/EC, and the tests listed are laid down in the Directive.

In Great Britain **membership of the PHS can be certified only when the certifying OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC)** which will be sent to him/her within 10 days before despatch. In Northern Ireland the local equivalent arrangements will apply.

Concerning the statement that all the test results have been negative, it is the responsibility of the OV to check the flock records for the relevant period in order to certify this. OV to verify that the flock(s) of origin (of the DOCs which are being exported) have been tested negative on PHS testing through their life.

8. **Support certification**

Paragraphs IV b), d) and e) refer. In cases where the OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, he/she may certify the statements referring to those flocks on the basis of a support certificate (6889SUP) provided by the veterinarian who is regularly responsible for those flocks. The support health certificate will be provided by the issuing authority at the same time as the export health certificate.

"Other transmissible diseases" means any infectious or contagious disease of poultry, both notifiable and non-notifiable.

9. **Sanitization**

Paragraph IV f) refers. The day old chicks hatched from the eggs that had their surfaces sanitised in accordance with the recommendations of the WOAH 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.

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

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

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#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

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 N.Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British 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. 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, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

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