

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Scope of the certificate.

1. This certificate may be used for the export of day old turkeys poult from the United Kingdom to Kenya.

Official Signature

2. 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 - Department for Rural Affairs, 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

Obtaining Import permit

3. Exporters must obtain an import permit from Kenyan authorities. The health certificate and the original import permit must accompany the birds to Kenya. Both documents must be made available to an inspecting Veterinary Quarantine Officer at the port of entry into Kenya. The OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN should not sign the import permit. The Kenyan authorities may vary their import conditions from time to time. It is the exporter's responsibility to comply with all the import requirements. In this respect, the exporter should submit a copy of the relevant import permit to APHA (or the relevant section in N. Ireland) when applying for this export certificate. Animal Health (or the relevant section in N. Ireland) will ensure that this certificate is still in full compliance with the Kenyan import conditions before the certificate is issued. In the case of new import conditions being received, APHA should seek advice from a Veterinary Advisor in Defra as further amendment of the certificate and agreement by the Kenyan authorities may be needed.

Clinical inspection

4. The inspection of the poult at paragraph IV (a) must be carried out within 24 hours on the intended date of export.

5. Membership of Poultry Health Scheme (and testing under the National Control Programme for Salmonella.

Paragraph IV (b) refers - Membership of Poultry Health Scheme. Note that the paragraph 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. In order to cover attestation of full compliance with article 6.4.9 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, further clearances are needed in

order to cover salmonellas of human significance. In this respect the Official Veterinarian must also be satisfied that the flock(s) of origin have undergone the appropriate routine testing under the National Control Programme (as required by the Control of Salmonella in Poultry (England) Order (CSPO) and similar legislation in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) in accordance with EU Regulation 2160/2003.

The OV may certify the paragraph provided that he/she has received written confirmation of membership of a poultry health scheme from APHA (form 618NDC), which will be sent to him/her within 10 days before shipment (or the equivalent arrangement in Northern Ireland) and provided that he/she is satisfied that the required test results are satisfactory, see below.

Freedom from the diseases at paragraph IV (b) may be certified if the results of all testing under the relevant poultry health scheme have been negative for the past 6 months. The OV is personally responsible for checking that testing has been carried out, and that all the laboratory results have been negative. The laboratory test reports should be checked by the OV for the past 6 months. Similarly, in order to cover compliance of article 6.4.9 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, the certifying OV is personally responsible for ensuring that testing has been carried out under the CSPO (or similar legislation as above) as appropriate.

Notifiable Disease Clearance.

6. Paragraphs IV (b), (i) and (c) may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to the him/her within 10 days before shipment. **This authority relates only to premises in the UK, and only to the notifiable disease conditions of these paragraphs - the OV must check that the residency conditions are met.** Although the certificate allows exports from free zones or compartments within the UK, in the event of an outbreak of Notifiable Avian Influenza and/or Newcastle disease, further advice must be sought from a Veterinary Advisor in APHA, before any certificates and/or notifiable disease clearances are issued to the exporter/certifying OV. In these cases further negotiation and agreement by the Kenyan authorities is needed. When the flock of origin or the hatchery are inspected by a different Official Veterinarian, he/she should complete form 4788SUP (Support Health Certificate).

Flock Residence Statement

Notifiable disease clearances for Notifiable Avian Influenza and Newcastle disease for the hatchery and the flocks of origin will be provided officially in the 618NDC. However, if the certifying OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, then the residency statement will be provided by the flock veterinarian in the 4788SUP (support certificate).

7. Avian influenza vaccination

Paragraphs IV (d) and (e) refer. Vaccination against avian influenza is not permitted in the EU, except under emergency measures when it is specifically authorised by exceptional EU legislation. On this basis SSC Exports, Carlisle will provide authorisation for paragraph IV (e) on form 618NDC.

The OV must certify paragraph IV (f) on the basis of his/her personal knowledge of procedures at the hatchery or the support certificate 4788SUP, if not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin.

Vaccination for Newcastle disease and fowl cholera

8. Paragraph IV (g) (h) (k) and (l) refers. Vaccination is optional, but if it has been carried out, the details must be given as

specified on the certificate. OVs can certify compliance of the vaccine with the rules of the OIE Terrestrial Manual if the vaccine holds a current VMD marketing authorisation for UK.

9. **Support certification**

When the flock of origin is inspected by a different Official Veterinarian, he/she should complete form 4788SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV (g), (h), (k) and (l) have been met. The support certificate will also include certification as regards the 21 days residency of the flocks of origin mentioned at paragraphs (c), and (d) and the AI vaccination statement at paragraph (e) of 4788EHC.

10. **Freedom from Fowl Cholera**

Paragraph IV (k) of 4788EHC and V (1) of 4788SUP refer. Freedom from fowl cholera (flock(s) of origin and hatchery) should be interpreted as no evidence of infection, based on laboratory reports and other records and examinations, within three month prior to collection of the eggs.

Omission of paragraph IV i)

11. To avoid the risk of confusion between the letter i) and the roman numeral i., paragraph IV i) is omitted from health certification. Paragraph IV reads h) then j).

Disclaimer

12. 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- Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency>

13. **Welfare of Animals during transport**

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

-International Trade - at Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

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