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**EXPORT OF DUCK HATCHING EGGS AND DAY-OLD DUCKLINGS (*Anas platyrhynchos*) TO MYANMAR**

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

**Scope of the certificate.**

1. This is a generic type certificate for the export of duck hatching eggs and day old ducklings of the domestic duck species (*Anas platyrhynchos*), for use only when the flocks of origin are located within the UK.

**Official Signature**

2. This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian, appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or equivalent in the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should apply the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with an OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE SIGNED **WITHIN 72 HOURS BEFORE EXPORT**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB, AHVLA, Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle) and in the case of Northern Ireland to DARD, Room 922 Dundonald House, Belfast, within seven days of signature.

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

3. **SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**

In situations where the flock of origin is attended by a different veterinarian from the certifying OV, the latter may complete the export health certificate on the basis of appropriate support statements on form 7487SUP which must be completed by the flock veterinarian.

**Means of Transportation**

4. Paragraph III (b) refers. The OV should write 'air', 'sea' or 'road' as appropriate, and provide the flight number, ship name, or truck registration.

**Notifiable Disease Clearance**

5. Paragraphs IV. (a) and (b) refer. These paragraphs may be certified by the OV provided that he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle/ in Northern Ireland the relevant issuing office) within 10 days before shipment.

In paragraphs (a) and (b) the OV must delete ONLY those lines which do NOT apply.

In the case where the UK HAS been affected by a recent outbreak, but the OV thinks that the export might be able to proceed on the basis of options (ii) or (iii), the OV should consult the Poultry Section, (in GB, Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre (SSC)- Exports, Carlisle/ in Northern Ireland the relevant issuing office).

**Disease Surveillance under Directive 2009/158/EC**

6. Paragraph IV (c) refers. Directive 2009/158/EC is the European poultry trade Directive. Poultry traded between member states of the EU must comply with the Directive. All of the conditions in the Directive are fully implemented in GB by the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS), and in Northern Ireland by the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS). Therefore membership of either of these schemes means that the premises are officially approved and tested for these diseases in accordance with Directive 2009/158/EC.

**National Surveillance Programme for Salmonellas of Human Concern**

7. Paragraph IV (d) refers. EU Regulation 2160/2003 lays down procedures for the routine monitoring of chicken and turkey breeding flocks for the zoonotic Salmonellas listed in paragraph IV (d). It is implemented for chicken and turkey breeding flocks in England by the Control of Salmonella in Poultry Order 2007, and the equivalent in the devolved administrations. The scheme in chickens and turkeys is known as the National Control Programme.

The legislation does not require the compulsory testing of breeding flocks of ducks. However the company may choose to carry out a voluntary testing programme following a similar protocol to the National Control programme. The OV may certify this paragraph on the basis that such a voluntary programme has been carried out in the flocks of origin.

The OV is personally responsible for checking that testing has been carried out, and that any suspicion of infection has been ruled out (any doubtful or positive results which have been re-examined according to the current PHS or NIPHAS protocols and determined to be false doubtfulls or false positives can be regarded as negative).

**Routine Inspection of Flocks of Origin**

8. Paragraph IV (e) refers. Directive 2009/158/EC requires that flocks of origin must either be examined by an OV at the time of export to another member state, or they must be subject to routine monthly examinations. Most poultry breeding flocks in the UK opt for the monthly inspections.

The full requirements in order to certify this paragraph are: An official veterinarian must have carried out routine monthly health visits to each flock of origin, the last of which must have been within the past 31 days. In this case the certifying OV must also obtain a written statement (by fax or email) from the flock manager within 24 hours prior to the intended time of despatch of the eggs or day old birds, to

confirm that on the basis of production and mortality records, any other relevant reports, and the manager's personal observation, there is no suspicion of disease in the flock(s) of origin.

**Inspection of Chicks**

9. Paragraph IV (f) refers. The inspection must be carried out on the same day that the health certificate is signed. If the consignment consists of hatching eggs the whole of paragraph (f) must be deleted (and paragraph II (c) giving the hatchery address must also be deleted).

**Packing and Transport Conditions**

10. Paragraphs IV (g) and (h) refer. In order to certify these paragraphs it is necessary for the OV to personally observe the packing materials and the internal compartment of the vehicles used for transport.

Under EU Council Regulation EC/1/2005, implemented in England by the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and its equivalent in the devolved regions, vehicles carrying live poultry must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading. Other instructions about disinfection of the vehicle is given in Directive 2009/158/EC, Article 18. 7. It simply says that disinfection must be "in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority". The OV may certify the paragraph if, in his/her personal judgement, the methods are adequate and effective.

A DEFRA approved disinfectant must be used for disinfecting the internal cargo compartment of the vehicle. Disinfectants are approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (England) Order 2007 (as amended). The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant, and there is a sub-group specifically approved for use with poultry, on the basis of their efficacy against Newcastle disease and avian influenza viruses. DEFRA approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

**Disclaimer**

11. 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:  
<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

**Welfare of Animals**

12. 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 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 and Wales** Specialist Service Centre, Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA), Hadrian House, Wavell Drive, Rosehill, Carlisle, CA1 2TB  
Tel: 01228 403600 / Fax 01228 591900 /  
E-mail:  
[CentralOps.carlisle@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CentralOps.carlisle@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk)

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB  
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