

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO BARBADOS

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3890EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3890EHC. 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**

3890EHC may be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Barbados.

2. **Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, 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, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation. 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 the issuing office (in GB - APHA, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing.

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

3. **Import Permit**

No dog or cat may be imported into Barbados except in accordance with the terms of an import permit. The permit must be obtained from the Veterinary Services Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, The Pine, St Michael, Barbados (Tel: 001 246 427 5073/5492 - Fax: 001 246 429 2143). Permits are valid for 6 (six) months.

4. **Identification**

Paragraph I refers. Dogs and cats must be identified by a microchip, and the microchip number and details of breed, sex and age must be fully completed. The microchip used must meet with ISO (International Standards Organisation) Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785.

5. **Clinical Examination**

Paragraph IV. a) refers. The clinical examination should be carried out no more than 7 days prior to export. The Barbados authorities advise that animals should be appropriately vaccinated, and isolated for a month prior to shipment to reduce the chance of presenting with an infection at the time of the clinical examination. Pre-export isolation, however, is not compulsory.

6. **Residency status and vaccination against rabies**

Paragraphs IV. b) and c) refer. A written declaration must be received from the owner/exporter in relation to the residency requirements at b). If the animal has been resident in the United Kingdom or a Category 1 listed country during the past 3 months, or since birth, then rabies serology at c) ii) is not required. If not

of UK origin, the animal must have been legally imported into the United Kingdom under the official Pet Travel Scheme.

7. **Disease clearance**

Paragraph IV. d) i) refers. This paragraph may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle on form 618NDC.

8. **Tests**

Tests must be carried out at an official laboratory, which is APHA, Weybridge laboratory for most diseases. In the case of rabies serology, there are other laboratories which have been approved by the UK which can be used -

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/555967/rabies-approved-laboratories.pdf .

In the case of Leishmaniosis, the test can be carried out within 6 months prior to export. The **IFAT** is the preferred test as it is accredited. The test sample for requires 2ml of blood or 1ml of serum in a plain tube (no anticoagulant). The test result will be reported as negative at a dilution of 1:50.

In the case of Heartworm, the test is required within 30 days prior to export. Animals less than 6 months old are exempt. The *Dirofilaria immitis* filtration test is the test of choice. It requires at least 1 ml of heparinised or EDTA blood.

9. **Notice of arrival in Barbados**

The exporter/agent must notify the Veterinary Services Department in Barbados at least 3 (three) working days in advance of the arrival date of the animal(s), by providing the following information:-

- a) Name, address (in Barbados) and contact information of the owner/agent
- b) Name and contact information of the Customs broker
- c) Date and time of arrival
- d) Airline and flight number/vessel name.

10. **Transport**

During transport the dog or cat must not travel with any other dog or cat, except those similarly certified with regard to residency in the United Kingdom or entry to the United Kingdom under the PETS scheme.

The Barbados import conditions specify that cats or dogs must travel by sea only by a ship of the Geest or Harrison lines going directly from the United Kingdom to Barbados, or by air only by a non-stop flight from London to Barbados arriving between Monday and Friday. Animals arriving outside the working hours of 8.15 am to 4.30 pm, and on weekends and Bank Holidays, are subject to overtime inspection fees.

11. **Welfare**

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, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

DAERA Helpline email daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk

DAERA Textphone 18001 0300 200 7852

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>