

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 OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

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

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: provision of certified copies

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the Department where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where

'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

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**

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency:

Welfare in Transport Team
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

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 APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>
DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk