

**EXPORT OF PET RODENTS WITH COMMERCIAL OR COMPANIONSHIP PURPOSES TO BRAZIL
NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8072EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8072EHC. 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 of the certificate**

This certificate covers the export of Pet Rodents from the United Kingdom to Brazil.

2. **Import Permit/Requirements**

An import permit or official import requirements must have been obtained by the exporter from the appropriate Government Authority in Brazil (MINISTÉRIO DA AGRICULTURA, PECUÁRIA E DO ABASTECIMENTO - MAPA) and must be attached to the export health certificate.

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

The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records. This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian, appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ (V)) authorisation, or an AVI in 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 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.**

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB: APHA, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle and in the case of Northern Ireland to DAERA, Room 922 Dundonald House, Belfast), within seven days of signature.

4. **Identification**

Paragraph I refers. The animals to be exported should be individually identified if possible, preferably by means of a microchip. The microchip number and location should be recorded in the table at Paragraph I of the certificate.

5. **Country and zone of origin and tularaemia**

Paragraph II (b) refers. Tularaemia is not a notifiable disease in the UK, however, the first indent can be certified on receipt of form 618NDC from the issuing office who will identify reported cases in previous 12 months. The certifying OV must still attest to the origin animals being UK. If either of these conditions can not be met, the second indent should be certified after appropriate testing.

6. **Treatment for external and internal parasites**

Paragraph II(c) refers. The treatments must be licensed in the UK and the date of treatments, product used and dosage must be stated on the export health certificate. If the products do not have a valid UK licence marketing authorisation for the species concerned, the OV may use his/her clinical judgement to operate the 'cascade principle'. The OV must be aware that the use of a pharmaceutical

preparation 'off data sheet' may entail a risk and owner of the animal should be aware of this risk and their agreement obtained before the substance is used.

7. **Clinical examination**

Paragraph II (d) refers. The examination should consist of visual inspection, and physical examination as necessary supported by laboratory reports.

8. **Exporter's declarations**

Paragraphs II (a) and (e) refer. The OV must obtain a written assurance from the owner/exporter in order to support certification of these paragraphs. The declarations should not be attached to the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record purposes.

9. **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. These standards provide evidence of compliance with the import requirements from Brazil of transport in a safe and adequate condition. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

ENGLAND, APHA - Customer Service Centre, Eden Bridge
SCOTLAND House, Lowther St, Carlisle CA3 8DX
AND WALES Tel: 03000 200301/ Fax 01228 591900 /
e-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

NORTHERN Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural
IRELAND Affairs Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section
Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast,
BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

10. **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 Customer Service Centre, in Carlisle, via the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade>

In Northern Ireland the exporter should contact DAERA at: DAERA, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. BT4 3SB. Telephone: 0289 052 4580.