

EXPORT OF HAMSTERS, GERBILS AND GUINEA PIGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

General Information

1. The animals may be transported by air or sea on any vessel or aircraft, providing that only animal(s) eligible for importation into the Cayman Islands are carried on the same aircraft or vessel.
2. If the animals are transported by air, they must be caged in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations (1976) section IX, container note 6, cage style D.

3. **Completion of certificate**

The health certificate should be signed and stamped with an Official Veterinarian (OV) stamp in any colour other than black.

4. **Health Information**

Paragraph IV (a) refers. Communicable disease means any contagious or infectious disease for which the animals are susceptible.

paragraph IV (c) refers. The Official Veterinarian should obtain a written declaration from the owner/exporter, stating that to the best of their belief within the last 6 months the animal has not been exposed to rabies, nor been present in an official quarantine, nor in an area where rabies is endemic.

5. **Return of copy certificate to Animal Health Divisional Office**

Having signed, stamped and dated the export health certificate the Official Veterinarian must make two photocopies of it. The original export health certificate must be given to the owner/exporter, one copy must be retained by the Official Veterinarian and one copy must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of signing.

6. **Welfare**

Exporters should be reminded that they must comply with the British welfare laws. Information about these may be obtained from the following offices:

ENGLAND Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,
1A Page Street, London, SW1P 4PQ;

SCOTLAND The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs
Department Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh EH14
1TW;

WALES National Assembly For Wales, Crown Buildings,
Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ;

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
1A Page Street
London, SW1P 4PQ