

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CHILE

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 3099EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3099EHC.

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**

Either;-

Export health certificate 3099EHC may be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Chile.

Or;-

A fully up to date European Union pet passport is also acceptable by the Chilean Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (Agriculture and Livestock Service) as an alternative to 3099EHC.

<http://www.sag.cl/ambitos-de-accion/ingreso-de-mascotas-chile-perros-y-gatos>

The following paragraphs 2-9 indicate the provisions necessary for those wishing to export their pet using 3099EHC. Paragraph 10 refers to the conditions necessary for use of the EU pet passport.

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 must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink 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 EHC 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 CIRC 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

aPVPs certifying DECOP produced Export Health Certificates 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. **EXAMINATION**

Examination of the animal must take place not more than 10 days prior to the date of export.

4. **TREATMENT AGAINST INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARASITES**

Paragraph IV. b) refers. Dogs and cats must be treated against internal and external parasites prior to export, using approved products according to the manufacturer's instructions no more than 30 days prior to export. The date of treatments, name of product and active ingredient of the licensed product used must be stated on the export health certificate.

5. **RABIES VACCINATION**

Paragraph IV. c) i) refers. If administered, the rabies vaccination must be administered at least 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. The owner or exporter of the animal should contact a veterinary surgeon of his/her choice to carry out the vaccination. A copy of the vaccination certificate must be attached to the export health certificate.

6. **RABIES SEROLOGY**

Paragraph IV. c) ii) refers. If taken, the blood test, a Fluorescent Antibody Virus Neutralising Test, must be carried out by an officially authorised laboratory not more than 24 months and not less than 3 months prior to shipment. A list of approved rabies serology laboratories in the UK can be found at the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rabies-blood-testing-laboratories-in-the-uk>

The test result must show a serum antibody level of at least 0.5

IU/ml and must bear the animal's permanent identification number.

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify paragraph **IV. d)** on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal & Plant Health Agency, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland on form 618NDC.

8. **ON ARRIVAL IN CHILE**

On arrival in Chile the animal must be kept in confinement for a minimum period of 10 days at the private address of destination in Chile listed in the certification.

9. **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

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

10. **EXPORTING A PET USING A VALID EUROPEAN UNION PET PASSPORT**

i. The animal must be vaccinated against between at least 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export as at paragraph 5.

ii. The animal must be treated against internal and external parasites as at paragraph 4.

iii. The animal received a veterinary inspection as at paragraph 3 within 10 days of the proposed export.

11. **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>

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