

EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO CUBA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3119EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3119EHC. 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

Export health certificate 3119EHC may be used for the export of cats and Dogs from the United Kingdom to Cuba.

2. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA UK;
- Animals must be examined by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, not more than 96 hours prior to export;
- Animals must have been resident in United Kingdom for at least 6 months prior to export, or since birth;

3. 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 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, Customer Service Centre, Carlisle and in the case of Northern Ireland to the local DAERA office) within seven days of signature.

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

4. RESIDENCY IN UNITED KINGDOM

The certifying OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN must be provided with a written declaration from the exporter stating that the animal(s) has/have not been imported into United Kingdom in the six months prior to export. The declaration must also confirm that it is the exporter's intention to export the animal to Cuba.

5. TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES

It is the responsibility of the exporter/agent to apply to the relevant authorities of any countries through which the animal will transit for permission to transport the animals through these countries. Additional health certification may be necessary.

6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify country freedom from rabies provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the issuing office on form 618NDC or via disease clearance procedures in DAERA.

7. **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 British 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. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

ENGLAND, Customer Service Centre, Animal and Plant Health Agency,
Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX
SCOTLAND Tel: 03000 200 301
AND WALES E-mail: SSC.carlisle@apha.gov.uk

NORTHERN Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural
IRELAND Affairs,
Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper
Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 0300 2007840
E-mail: daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk

8. **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#specialist-service-centres-ssc>

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk. Phone: 02877 442146