

## EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO DOMINICA

### 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 3898EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3898EHC. 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. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

- Import permit from the Dominican Division of Agriculture;
- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA UK;
- Animals must be examined by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, not more than 48 hours prior to export;
- Animals must have been resident in the UK for at least six months prior to export, or since birth;
- Animals must travel directly from Great Britain to Dominica.

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

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health 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 - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

#### 3. IMPORT PERMIT

Import permits are required. They are obtainable from The Animal Health Section, Division of Agriculture in Dominica, Botanical Gardens, Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies.

#### 4. RABIES VACCINATION

The Division of Agriculture in Dominica does not require animals to be vaccinated against rabies. However, if the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies at some time in the past, this must be drawn to the attention of the certifying OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN.

If the animals have been vaccinated, the export health certificate must be amended accordingly (deletion of paragraph IV.b.ii).

#### 5. RESIDENCY IN GREAT BRITAIN

We understand that the veterinary authorities in Dominica require animals to have been resident in Great Britain for six months prior to their export, or since birth. Exporters must provide the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN with a written declaration to this effect. The

declaration must also state that it is the owner's intention to export the animal from Great Britain.

6. TRAVEL TO DOMINICA

Animals must be transported directly to Dominica from Great Britain.

7. 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 EC618.

8. **WELFARE DURING TRAVEL**

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.

Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

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

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

DAERA Helpline email [daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk)

DAERA Textphone 18001 0300 200 7852

9. **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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>