

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO EGYPT

NOTES FOR 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 3900EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3900EHC. 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

3900EHC may be used to accompany dogs and cats, not intended for sale, exported to Egypt accompanied by their owners or owner's representatives.

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 should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any 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 EHCO 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 CITC 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

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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. **Quarantine for commercial consignments**

Animals imported by dealers for commercial purposes are subject to 15 days quarantine in Egypt.

4. **Identification**

Paragraph I refers. The identification schedule should be fully completed. Dogs and cats should be identified either by tattoo or microchip number or by a full description including coat colour and type, markings, weight, breed, sex and declared age.

5. **Clinical examination**

Paragraph IV (a) refers. The clinical examination should be carried out no more than 96 hours prior to export.

6. **Rabies vaccination**

Para IV (b) of export health certificate refers - Egypt require separate evidence that the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies.

The information required is:

- Dates(s) of vaccination
- Name of vaccine
- Name of supplier
- Batch number
- Expiry date

This can either be in an up to date Pet Passport or a document provided by the veterinary practice.

7. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraph IV. d) refers. This paragraph may be certified provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the issuing office on form 618NDC.

8. **Legalisation**

Once the OV has signed and stamped the certificate, it should be taken for legalisation to the following offices:

The Legalisation Office
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Norfolk House (West)
437 Silbury Boulevard
Milton Keynes
MK9 2AH

Tel. 01908 295 111 (+44 01908 295 111 from outside the UK)

and then to:

The Egyptian Consulate General
2 Lowndes Street
Belgravia
London SW1X 9ET

Tel: 020 7235 9719

Fax: 020 7235 5684

where it will be registered, stamped and returned. This legalised document must accompany the animal to Egypt.

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
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

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

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 Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>
DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk