

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 4682EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4682EHC. 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 4682EHC may be used for the export of Dogs and Cats from the United Kingdom to the Republic of Georgia.

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, or an OV of, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland (DAERA).

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

In GB a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of signing. In the case an AVI in Northern Ireland, a certified copy must be sent to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

3. RABIES VACCINATION

Paragraph IV b) refers. Rabies vaccination must be given at least 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. The vaccination certificate should be attached to the export health certificate.

4. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

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

5. TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES

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

6. 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
AND WALES**

Tel: 03000 200 301
E-mail: SSC.carlisle@apha.gov.uk

**NORTHERN
IRELAND**

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

7. **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>

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