

EXPORT OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS TO SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

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

These Notes for Guidance are only for use with certificate 7981EHC which can be used for exports of reptiles and amphibians from the United Kingdom to South Africa.

2. 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 AVI in the Department of Agriculture, Food 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 should apply the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with an OV stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB, APHA, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) and in the case of Northern Ireland to DAERA, Room 922 Dundonald House, Belfast, within seven days of signature.

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

3. DISEASE CLEARANCE

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

4. OWNER'S DECLARATION

Where necessary, owner's declarations in writing may be sought to certify the required statements eg paragraph IV (a)

5. 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,
SCOTLAND
AND WALES

Centre for International Trade, Animal and Plant
Health Agency (APHA Eden Bridge House, Lowther St,
Carlisle CA3 8DX) Tel: 03000 201 301 / Fax 01228 591900
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

NORTHERN
IRELAND

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural
Affairs, Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section,
Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB

6. **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, in Carlisle, via the link below:

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