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EXPORT OF RABBITS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ISRAEL

NOTES FOR THE 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 628EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 628EHC. 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 628EHC may be used for the export of rabbits from the United Kingdom to Israel.

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 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.

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

An import permit should be obtained from Israel's government authority

4. **IDENTIFICATION**

Each animal should be individually identified with an International Standards Organisation (ISO) compliant microchip (transponder), and the site of implantation and the identification number of each animal must be recorded on the export health certificate. The identity of the animal must be confirmed by reading the microchip each time a treatment, vaccination or test is performed. The microchip number must be recorded on all test results (if applicable) and treatment records.

7. **PREMISES DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraphs IV a) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis of the OV's awareness of the controls in place at the premises. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection of the animal(s) for export and examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements and valid declarations. If necessary, the OV must obtain a written assurance from the owner/exporter in order to support certification of these paragraphs. The declarations should not be attached to the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record

purposes.

10. **Clinical examination**

Paragraph IV b) refers. The examination should consist of visual inspection, supported as necessary by clinical examination, laboratory reports, and pathological examination of any animals in contact with the animals for export.

11. **Parasite Treatments**

Paragraphs IV d) refers. The treatments should be carried out in line with the manufacturers' recommendations and comply with the requirements laid out in the 628EHC.

14. **TRANSPORT**

Animal(s) intended for export must be consigned directly to Israel. During transport to the port of export, during shipment and during transport from the port of importation to the post-arrival quarantine facility the animal(s) must have no contact with animals that are not of the same consignment.

16. **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,
SCOTLAND CA3 8DX.
AND WALES Tel: 03000 200 301 Fax: 0208 9269 498
E-mail: SSC.carlisle@apha.gov.uk

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

17. **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