

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO KENYA

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 2913EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2913EHC. 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

This certificate may be used for the export of dogs and cats from the Great Britain to Kenya.

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 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.

3. IMPORT PERMIT

Prior to importation, an import permit must be obtained from the Director of Veterinary Services at the Department of Agriculture in Nairobi or the Kenya High Commission in London. Please see below for the addresses.

The Director of Veterinary Services
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Development and Marketing
PO Box 34188/ Kabete
Nairobi, Kenya.

Telephone number: 00 2542 631567
Fascimile number: 00 2542 631273

Kenya High Commission
45, Portland Place
London
W1B 1AS.

Telephone number: 020 7636 2371.

4. **IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL**

Paragraph I refers. The microchip number of the animal must be recorded under "Identification and any distinguishing marks including tattoo".

5. **RABIES VACCINATION**

Paragraph IV. (b) refers. If certifying part (b) (i) evidence should be given of the animal having been vaccinated against rabies. The vaccination certificate should be attached to the export health certificate clearly stating the date of vaccination, name of vaccine, manufacturer and batch number of vaccine.

The animal should be identified by its microchip number corresponding to that recorded in paragraph I, and the age of the animal at the time of vaccination should be included.

Certification of the alternative IV. (b)(ii) is possible if the animal is travelling direct from Great Britain and is "in transit" to Kenya for less than 48 hours, in which case the vaccination against rabies is not essential.

However, unvaccinated animals will be kept in isolation at the owner's expense during this period, and will only be able to leave Kenya by air or sea.

If the animal lands at any intermediate country other than Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and Ireland then six months quarantine may be imposed on arrival in Kenya (at the owner's expense) unless the animal has been vaccinated against rabies within the six months prior to arrival.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV. (c) refers. Official Veterinarians may certify this paragraph provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the issuing office on form 618NDC.

7. **MASTER'S CERTIFICATE**

All dogs and cats must be accompanied by a Master's certificate signed by the Captain of the ship or aircraft in which the animal travelled to Kenya to certify that the animal has not left the ship/aircraft between the place of embarkation and the place of entry into Kenya, and has not come into contact with any other animal during the journey. A Master's certificate will be sent with the export health certificate to the Official Veterinarian.

8. **ARRIVAL IN KENYA**

The arrival of any animal entering Kenya other than by sea at Mombasa or by air at Nairobi must be reported to the nearest veterinary office within 3 days of arrival.

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

10. **DISCLAIMER**

This certificate is provided based on 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; see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>