

No:

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO MALAYSIA

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 3914EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3914EHC. 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**

Certificate 3914EHC must be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Malaysia.

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.

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. **Import permit**

No animal may be imported into Malaysia except in accordance with the terms of an import permit. The permit must be obtained from the Department of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture Malaysia, Block A, 8th and 9th Floor, Exchange Square, off Jalan Semantan, Bukit Damansara, 50630 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

4. **Clinical Examination**

Paragraph IV (a) refer. The clinical examination of the animal(s) must be undertaken within 48 hours of embarkation. The animal(s) must not have clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases. Specific attention should be paid to any evidence of distemper, rabies and external parasites. The animal(s) must be consider to be fit to travel.

5. **Identification: Microchip Numbers**

Paragraph I. and IV. (b) refers: The animal(s) intended for export MUST be fitted with a microchip and the number must be written clearly in the Identification of the Animal box at paragraph I. The microchip used must meet with ISO (International Standards Organisation) Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785. Non-ISO compatible chips may not be capable of being read by the microchip readers used by the Malaysian authorities and therefore the exporter/agent MUST provide a reader which is able to read the identification code of the implanted microchip at the point of entry into Malaysia.

6. **Declarations on Residency**

The Official Veterinarian must keep all declarations for record purposes. The owner/exporter must provide the following written declarations stating that immediately prior to export the following applies.

Paragraph IV (c) (i) refers: if the animal(s) is less than 6 months of age, resident continuously in the UK since birth AND its/their mother(s) has been resident in the UK for a minimum of 6 months prior to the birth of the animal(s).

or

Paragraph IV (c) (ii), the animal(s) has been continuously resident in the United Kingdom for a minimum period of 6 months OR

And

The animal(s) has not been under any form of quarantine restriction at the time of export.

Paragraph IV (e)

The owner / exporter must also provide to the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN a written statement that the animal(s) was not imported from a rabies endemic country within 6 months of export.

7. **Notifiable disease clearance**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV. d) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the local Animal Health Office on form 618NDC.

8. **Treatment**

Paragraphs IV (f) and (g) refer. Only licensed products may be used.

9. It is an offence under the Animal Health Act 1981 to land an animal in the United Kingdom without an import licence. Where exported animals are not accompanied by the correct certificates and are returned to the United Kingdom without an import licence, they may be detained in quarantine for six months at the owner's expense, re-exported or destroyed.

10. **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."

11. **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