

EXPORT OF DOGS/CATS TO TAIWAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

1. SCOPE

Export health certificate 3149EHC should accompany all dogs and cats exported to Taiwan from Great Britain.

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.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink 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.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates 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**

It is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain an import permit at least 2 weeks before the proposed departure date from the Animal Industry Department Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, 37 Nanhai Road, Taipei 100-14, Republic of China. Tel: 00 886 2 312 4636, fax: 00 886 2 312 4645.

4. **RABIES VACCINATION**

Paragraph IV b) refers. Animals to be exported to Taiwan must be vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days and not more than a year prior to export.

N.B.: Animals must be older than 3 months when receiving their first rabies vaccination. 4.

5. **TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES**

Additional health certification may be necessary when an animal is not being shipped directly from Great Britain to Taiwan. 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. The exporter must also check with the Taiwanese Veterinary Authorities if additional paperwork is required.

If the animal is transhipped through a rabies infected country, it shall be detained in an official quarantine in Taiwan for at least 21 days.

N.B.: Animals must NOT transit through Australia, Malaysia, Singapore or Bangladesh.

6. **RESIDENCY**

Paragraph IV (c) (i) refers. Animals which have been continuously resident in Great Britain for the past 6 months or since birth will on arrival in Taiwan be inspected and if no evidence of infectious or contagious disease is found and they are accompanied by valid certification they will be permitted entry.

Paragraph IV (c) (ii) refers. Animals which have been imported into Great Britain during the past 6 months will on arrival in Taiwan be placed in official quarantine for 21 days. For this category of animal the exporter is strongly advised to make prior arrangements regarding quarantine in Taiwan before making transport bookings and to confirm with the Taiwanese authorities exact details of the quarantine the animal will be required to undergo.

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV (d) refers. The certification contained in paragraph IV(d) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC) which will be sent to you by APHA or the issuing office of DAERA within 10 days of shipment.

8. **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

9. WELFARE DURING TRAVEL

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

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