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 3818EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3818EHC. 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 3818EHC may be used for the export of dogs, cats and ferrets from the United Kingdom to Turkey.

2. **Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**
   
   This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) 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 and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health 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 – Animal and Plant Health Agency - Centre for International Trade (APHA - CIT) in Carlisle and in the case of Northern Ireland to the local DARD office within seven days of signing.

3. **Import Permit**
   
   The import of dogs, cats and ferrets is not subject to the requirement of an import permit unless those animals are travelling unaccompanied. Unaccompanied animals will not be allowed entry unless an import permit has first been obtained from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Akay Cad No 3: Bakanlikar, Ankara, Turkey. This permit must accompany the animal. Failure to comply with any stipulated condition can lead to refusal of entry.

4. **Export Health Certificate**
   
   An accompanied cat dog or ferret requires a veterinary health certificate and a rabies vaccination certificate.

5. **Clinical inspection**
   
   The inspection must be carried out not more than 24 hours prior to the proposed date of export.

6. **Rabies vaccination and serology**
   
   The animal must be vaccinated against rabies with a government authorised inactivated rabies virus vaccine on an animal not less than 90 days old. In this context, “government authorised vaccine” means a vaccine with a current marketing authorisation for use in dogs/cats/ferrets. If the vaccination has been carried out in another country, and the animal was legally imported into
the UK under PETS, then the vaccine can be considered to be government approved or authorised.

It is highly recommended that the blood sample is taken at least 30 days after the pet is vaccinated against rabies, so there is compliance with the Pet Travel Scheme in case the animal is intended to return to the EU from a non-EU unlisted country. Also, this will enable the animal to produce sufficient antibodies to record a positive test result.

7. Welfare


Exporters must comply with the UK 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.

Further information on OIE and IATA transport recommendations may be obtained from the following offices:

England, Scotland & Wales
Welfare in Transport Team at the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA), Centre International Trade (CIT), Hadrian House, Wavell Drive, Rosehill, Carlisle, CA1 2TB. Tel 01228 403600 E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Northern Ireland
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymacaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB. DARD Helpline number 0300 200 7852. DARD Helpline email dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk DARD Textphone 028 9052 4420

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/conditions 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:


In Northern Ireland, contact the DARD trade administration team: E-mail: tradeadminpost@dardni.gov.uk. Tel: 0289 0520989