

**EXPORT OF MEAT PRODUCTS/MEAT PREPARATIONS (INCLUDING POULTRY BUT EXCLUDING BEEF)
TO BARBADOS - 1786EHC**

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 1786EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 1786EHC. 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 1786EHC may be used for the export of meat products or meat preparations, including poultry but excluding beef, to Barbados.

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 is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Northern Ireland (DAERA).

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 - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. Paragraph I (e) (i) and (ii) - The certifying veterinarian should insert both container and seal numbers.
4. Paragraph IV a) and h) can be certified on the basis of familiarity with procurement arrangements and the examination of producer records; or of statements from the producers' veterinary surgeon/s or the slaughterhouse OVS on a Support Health Attestation.
5. Paragraph IV b), c), d), e) and g) can be certified on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.
6. Paragraph IV f) can be certified, provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, Animal and Plant Health Agency, Customer Service Centre, Carlisle)

7. 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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>