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**EXPORT OF MEAT PRODUCTS (INCLUDING POULTRY) OF NON-BOVINE ORIGIN IN HERMETICALLY SEALED CONTAINERS TO BARBADOS - 1796EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

1. This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs or the National Assembly for Wales, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. LVI should affix the LVI stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The stamp and the signature must be in a different colour to that of the text.

2. Paragraphs IV a), b) and d) may be certified on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004, and Transitional Arrangements under which stocks produced in accordance with Council Directive 77/99/EC, as implemented in GB by the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1994.

3. Paragraph IV c) may be certified on the basis of:

* knowledge of the production process operating in the establishment; and
* checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the batches certified; and
* supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible Environmental Health Officer.

4. Paragraph IV f) requires certifying veterinarian to be present at the time of loading of the consignment to ensure that the container is clean. The certifying veterinarian should also confirm that the correct seal number is stated at paragraph I d)(ii).

5. A certified copy of the certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager on the day of issue.

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