

EXPORT OF HEAT TREATED MILK AND HEAT TREATED MILK PRODUCTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 7722EHC, 7722SUP and 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7722EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7722EHC. 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.

AFLATOXIN ANNEX DOCUMENT - 7722SUP

This document is a standalone annex to 7722EHC and is specifically required by the Serbian competent authority.

It must be filled, signed, stamped and attached to 7722EHC.

1. **SCOPE**

Export health certificate 7722EHC may be used for the export of heat-treated milk and heat-treated milk products to Serbia.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an 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 Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA NI).

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV 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.

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

In NI, as certification is provided by Government veterinarians and copies of certificates are stored on the official database (HPRM), this is not required.

3. In the first section of the certificate:

- where 'Local Veterinary Service' is required, enter
 - o 'Animal Health' for consignments certified from GB,and
 - o 'DAERA' for consignments certified from Northern Ireland.

4. Paragraph III.1

- 1st 3 bullet points refer.
This statement can be certified on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian, provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from APHA Carlisle office within 10 days of shipment.
- 4th/last bullet point refers.
This may be certified on the basis of compliance with 853/2004 and directive 2002/99.
It will be for the OV to ascertain that the products originate from establishments approved under these provisions.

5. Paragraph III.2.

The certifying OV should have confirmation that the production plant has a valid approval status and is subject to regular inspections.

6. III.3. may be certified on the basis of compliance with EU legislation and evidence (supporting certification and/or familiarity with /audit of the HACCP plans).
7. III. 4. may be certified on the basis of the presence of the oval health mark either on the finished product or clear evidence of the oval health mark having been on the ingredients used in production of the finished product.
8. III. 5. refers.
Residue levels for pesticides + maximum contaminant levels
Council Directive 96/23/EC is implemented by the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997 and a programme referred to as the National Surveillance Scheme (NSS).
On the basis of this scheme, it can be considered that animal products for human consumption do not contain levels exceeding the limits permitted, in the European Union, of any antibiotic/veterinary medicinal product; any beta-agonist or any substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestogenic action, which do not occur naturally; any pesticide; or any heavy metal, known to be harmful to human health. The NSS also covers PCBs.
9. Paragraph III. 6 may be certified on the basis that:
The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of these monitoring supports the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

10. **7722SUP**

7722SUP requires that the products must have been derived from raw milk where the maximum level ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$) for Aflatoxin M1 does not exceed 0, 05 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No. 1881/2006.

The United Kingdom has a national surveillance programmes in place to ensure that raw milk, including milk used in milk products, are tested for aflatoxin M1 in raw milk, and have an **Action Limit of 0.05 $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ in GB and 0.015 $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ in NI.**

The 7722SUP may, generally, be certified on the basis of these National Surveillance Programmes, which indicate that the milk (if UK-sourced) from which the products were manufactured, is considered to have Aflatoxin M1 levels below the Regulation limit.

However, if there is any reason to believe that any of the milk used has been sourced from outside the UK, the certifying OV may need to rely on documentary evidence, such as suitably worded declarations from appropriate signatories, supported, as necessary, by consignment-specific satisfactory laboratory test results.

The OV should retain on file, the evidence on the basis of which this document has been certified.

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

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

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:
e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk