

EXPORT OF CARCASSES OF GAME BIRDS FOR COMMERCIAL USE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTERS

1. IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to the Official Veterinarians (OVs) and the exporter and should have been issued to you together with export health certificate 1271EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to be used as a standalone document but in conjunction with the health certificate 1271EHC. 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.

2. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 1271EHC may be used for the export of fresh carcasses (meat) of game birds for commercial use to the United States of America. It is not to be used for the export of poultry meat or meat products.

3. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

In Great Britain, this certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an authorised Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

In Northern Ireland, this certificate may be signed by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

4. IMPORT PERMIT

Exporters are responsible for ascertaining whether an import permit is a compulsory requirement in the importing country, and if so, for ensuring that the importer has obtained the necessary permit.

5. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph IV (a) be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN has received written authority (Form 618 NDC) which will be sent to him/her by (in GB, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) or the relevant issuing office in Northern Ireland within 10 days before shipment.

Paragraphs IV (b) and (c) must be certified on the basis of the OVs personal knowledge and observations at the premises. If necessary, the OV may consult the establishment's trading and manufacturing records, and/or ask for a written supporting statement from the management of the establishment.

6. ORIGIN OF THE PRODUCTS

Paragraph IV d) refers. The game birds must have been shot in the wild in the United Kingdom. It is not necessary to state the precise location at which they were shot.

Then they must have been delivered to an FSA (Food Standards Agency) supervised Game Handling Establishment, where they were plucked, eviscerated, inspected, and chilled.

7. Countersignature Requirements

This certificate must be countersigned by an APHA Veterinarian.

All requests for countersignature must be submitted to the Centre for International Trade - Carlisle (CITC) at least two working days in advance of the requested date/time of countersignature using Request for APHA Veterinarian Countersignature of an Export Health Certificate (ET145) application.

The ET145 application can be submitted to CITC:

- as an attachment, at the same time you complete an online application for certification, on the Export Health Certificates (EHC) Online service, or
- by email to processingteam@apha.gov.uk

Upon receipt of your ET145 application CITC will liaise with an APHA Veterinarian at your preferred countersigning office/area to make arrangements for countersignature to take place and notify you of the arrangements made.

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

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