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**EXPORT OF FOOD FLAVORS OF NON-RUMINANT (OTHER THAN DAIRY) ORIGIN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - 6086EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER**

**Associated Document: 6086EHC**

**IMPORTANT**

**These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6086EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6086EHC. 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 6086EHC may be used for the export of food flavouring of animal origin, and/or composite food products for human consumption containing flavouring of animal origin, from the United Kingdom to the United States of America.

**2. CERTIFICATION BY A FULL-TIME SALARIED OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (VETERINARY OFFICER)**

This certificate must be signed by a full-time Veterinary Officer appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government – Rural Directorate, Welsh Government, Department for Rural Affairs, 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

AHVLA Specialist Service Centre – Exports in Carlisle, within seven days of issue.

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

**3**. **IMPORT PERMIT**

The certifying VO must have sight of a valid USDA import permit to ensure that requirements meet those detailed in Paragraph IV. and a declaration from the manufacturer, where relevant.

The exporter must obtain an import permit from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for their product, or official written confirmation from USDA that the product to be exported does not require an import permit.

On occasion, the USDA may not deem it necessary to issue a specific import permit for certain products. In such cases, the requirements for veterinary certification may be laid out/specified in standard

APHIS guidelines or contained within correspondence directed specifically to the importer. Reference should, therefore, be made to this information when no USDA import permit is available, and a copy attached to the certificate.

4. **DETAILS OF CONSIGNMENT**

Paragraph I. a) refers.

This should describe the finished/composite product being exported.

Paragraph I. b) refers.

This should specify the flavouring used in the product and the species of animal of origin of the flavouring.

**5. HEALTH INFORMATION**

Paragraph IV. must be completed by the OV to accurately reflect the USDA import requirements.

If there is not enough room for all the necessary information relating to the consignment on the 6086EHC, please continue on additional sheets. In such cases, the paragraphs in question should then be annotated “Continued on the attached additional schedule(s)”.

Each page of the additional schedule should bear a page number and the health certificate number, and must be stamped, signed and dated. The schedule(s) must be stapled with the certificate and the certifying official should “fan” and stamp over the pages of the schedule(s) and certificate. One corner of the schedule(s) and certificate should be folded over and stamped also.

Any unused/blank spaces should be struck through with diagonal lines and initialled.

**6.** **MANUFACTURER’S DECLARATION**

This certificate may be signed on the basis of a declaration from an authorised signatory of the manufacturer and by reference to a valid United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) import permit, where applicable.

If a manufacturer’s declaration is to be relied upon, the declaration must contain a statement that the signatory is aware that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export or should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2000 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] “must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated”.

**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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre – Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>