

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO MYANMAR

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7961EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7961EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 7961EHC must be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Myanmar.

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

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the 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 - Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) and in the case of Northern Ireland to the local DAERA office within seven days of signature.

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

3. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV (b)(i) refers. Official Veterinarians may certify, if necessary, that the UK is disease free on behalf of the Department provided that written authority to do so has been obtained from the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle on form 618NDC.

Although it is not compulsory for animals from the UK travelling to Myanmar to be vaccinated against Rabies, the owner/exporter should consider vaccination should they consider returning to the UK with the animal in the future. The owner/exporter should also consider the disease risk in the country to which the animal is being exported.

4. **VACCINATIONS**

Paragraph IV (c) refers. This paragraph only refers to dogs, it can be deleted if the animal is a cat. The dog must be vaccinated against Canine distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis and Canine parvovirus, at least 21 days immediately prior to export. The dates of the vaccinations must be recorded by the OV in the table provided. Only licensed vaccines may be used.

5. **WELFARE**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in

Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

ENGLAND, Centre for International Trade, Animal and Plant Health Agency, Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX,
SCOTLAND
AND WALES Tel: 03000 200 301 / Fax 0208 02 60498 /
E-mail: WIT@apha.gsi.gov.uk

NORTHERN Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural
IRELAND Affairs, Northern Ireland,
Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

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 APHA Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, via the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#specialist-service-centres-ssc>