

**EXPORT OF PET TORTOISE FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO PORTUGAL**

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

1. **Identification**

If the animals to be exported cannot be individually identified by means of a tattoo or a microchip, the transport container(s) should be sealed with a tamperproof seal(s). The seal number(s) should be entered at paragraph I under the heading "identification". The transporter should be instructed that the seal(s) should not be broken unless the welfare of the animals is at risk or under instruction of the authorities of the country of destination.

2. **Enquiries**

Paragraph IV(b) refers. The Official Veterinarian must consult his own records regarding the incidence of these diseases. Additionally he should make enquiries via any other veterinary surgeons which have attended the premises

3. **Completion of certificate**

The health certificate should be signed and stamped with an official Official Veterinarian stamp in ink of any colour other than black.

4. **Return copy of certificate to Animal Health Divisional Office**

A copy of the completed and signed health certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of signing.

5. **Transport Containers**

Transport containers should meet International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Details may be obtained by contacting the International Air Transport Association directly or by consulting the local Divisional Veterinary Manager or Animal Welfare Division, Page Street at the address below.

6. **Welfare**

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Department at any of the following offices:

**ENGLAND** Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
1A Page Street, London, SW1P 4PQ;

**SCOTLAND** The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs  
Department  
Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh EH14 1TW;

**WALES** National Assembly For Wales  
Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ.

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