

**EXPORT OF PET RABBITS, HARES, MICE, RATS, HAMSTERS, GERBILS, CAVIES  
(GUINEA PIGS) AND CHINCHILLAS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO SINGAPORE**

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

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6600EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6600EHC. 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 6600EHC may be used for the export of pet animals/small mammals from the United Kingdom to Singapore.

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

This certificate may be signed by 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 Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Northern Ireland (DAERA).

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 the issuing office (in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

The exporter or the agent must apply for an Import Permit by submitting an application form to the City Veterinary Centre, Singapore at least five working days prior to the date of arrival of the animal(s). An import licence may be obtained from the following address:

Head/import & export division  
5 Maxwell Road #02-00  
Tower block, MND Complex  
Singapore 069110  
Tel: (65) 62260670  
Fax: (65) 62276305  
E-mail: AVA\_Import&Export\_Animals@ava.gov.sg

4. **OWNER/AGENT'S DECLARATIONS**

Paragraphs IV (a) and (e) refer. The OV must obtain these declarations in writing from the owner/agent. The written declarations must not be attached to the certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record purposes.

5. **TREATMENT**

Paragraph IV (b) refers. Only licensed products may be used.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**  
Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV (d) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the issuing office on form 618NDC.

7. **TRANSPORT CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS**  
The animals must be transported to Singapore in secure, escape proof containers clearly labelled 'Live Animals'. Transport containers should meet International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Details may be obtained by contacting the International Air Transport Association directly.

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>