

EXPORT OF RESEARCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS WHICH CONTAIN LACTOSE AND/OR BOVINE GELATIN FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND/OR LABORATORY USE TO CANADA
- 6963EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE VETERINARY OFFICER

This certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer (VO), of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, the National Assembly for Wales, or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland. The Veterinary Officer should fix his/her official stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

1. **Scope**

Certificate 6963EHC may be used for the export of research medicinal products which contain lactose and/or bovine gelatin for human consumption and/or laboratory use to Canada, and may be certified by the Veterinary Officer on the basis of a declaration from an authorised signatory of the manufacturer, and, if required, by reference to a valid Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) import permit.

2. **Exporter Declaration**

The exporter must supply a declaration including exactly the same wording as the matters to be certified. This must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence. Where possible, supporting evidence (for example, health certificates for raw materials showing their country of origin) should be called for and put on file.

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

3. **Disclaimer**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 International Animal Health Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>

4. A certified copy of this certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager on the day of issue.

