

EXPORT OF RODENT (SPF MOUSE, RAT, GUINEAPIG) GENETIC MATERIAL FOR
LABORATORY RESEARCH TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8117EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8117EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8117EHC. 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 8117EHC may be used for the export of rodent genetic material for laboratory research from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China.

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. Signing of Health Information

- a) Paragraphs IV. b) and d) refer. In the case of genetic material from SPF animals, the local Official Veterinarian should examine the health records of the colony since it was established or for the past 3 years to ascertain the health status of the colony. The SPF colony must be under veterinary supervision and registered by the Department under the Balai Directive 92/65/EEC or licensed by another Government Department.
- b) Paragraph IV. c) refers. This paragraph can be certified based on the absence of any clinical or other evidence of these infectious agents being present within the facility.

c) Paragraph IV. h) refers. "Approved" refers to Defra approved disinfectants, a list of which can be found here:

http://disinfectants.defra.gov.uk/DisinfectantsExternal/Default.aspx?Module=ApprovalsList_SI

4. **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>