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**EXPORT OF FRESH MEAT OF SHEEP, GOAT, PIG OR HORSE OF EU ORIGIN TO
ST VINCENT- 1783EHC**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

1. Certification by an Official Veterinarian

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

2. Paragraph I e) (i) and (ii)- The certifying veterinarian should insert both container and seal number.

3. Paragraph IV.1.a)-c), 2. and 3. may be certified on the basis of oval mark and commercial documents which demonstrate that the meat originates from a slaughterhouse/cutting plant which is situated within the EU, is approved for intra-community trade and that the meat has been passed fit for human consumption.

4. Paragraph IV 1. e): EU legislation prohibits the movement of animals or animal products from holdings under restrictions for OIE List A diseases:

OIE List A diseases to which sheep and/or goats are susceptible: foot and mouth disease, bluetongue, sheep/goat pox, peste des petits ruminants, Rift Valley fever.

OIE List A diseases to which pigs are susceptible: foot and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, classical swine fever.

OIE List A disease to which horses are susceptible:
African horse sickness, glanders.

5. **Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland**

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHC system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CIRC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies

aPVPs certifying DECOP produced Export Health Certificates must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the department, where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

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, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

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