

EXPORT OF PROCESSED HIDES AND SKINS OR LEATHER TO EL SALVADOR

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7002EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7002EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 7002EHC may be used for the export of leather or processed hides and skins to El Salvador.

Associated Documents: 7002EHC.

2. **Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD), Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) or Divisional Veterinary Officer in NI (DVO-NI) within seven days of issue. OVs should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. Paragraph I(a) refers. The consignment description should include reference to the species of origin of the product.
4. Paragraphs IV 1, 2 and 3 refer. These paragraphs may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the factory processes in place supported by relevant documentation and/or suitable records (such as slaughter/treatment/testing records, commercial documentation, veterinary certification).

The OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code can be viewed via the following link: http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/MCode/A_summry.htm

The certifying OV should be familiar with the conditions of Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002. Electronic copies of this Regulation and subsequent amendments, as well as other pieces of EU legislation, can be obtained by searching the EU Commission's website via the following link:
http://www.europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/RECH_legislation.do

5. **Disclaimer**

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>