

EXPORT OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS TO SURINAM - 5681EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5681EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5681EHC. 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 5681EHC may be used for the export of dairy from the United Kingdom to Surinam.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)/ VETERINARY OFFICER (VO)

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 a VO employed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland (DAERA).

OVs/VOs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/VO stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

In GB, a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of signing. For NI this is not required as a copy of the original certificate is stored on HPRM at point of issue.

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

3. HEALTH INFORMATION

Paragraph IV. a) can be certified on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office.

Paragraph IV. b) can be certified may be signed on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.

Paragraph IV. c) may be certified on the following basis:

The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of these monitoring supports the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

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>