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EXPORT TO INDIA OF BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS FOR TECHNICAL USE ONLY

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 7204EHC.

IMPORTANT
These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7204EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7204EHC. 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 7204EHC may be used for the export of blood and blood products from the United Kingdom to India for laboratory research and diagnostic purposes or for other technical uses.

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, 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 should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

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 EHCO 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 CITC 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
Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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.

3. Paragraphs II(a) and (b) refer. The appropriate registration or approval number(s) should be entered in these paragraphs, following the advice given below in paragraph 5 of these notes.

4. Paragraphs IV 1, 3 and 4 may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the collection, sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in the place at the animal holding and the manufacturing establishment and/or examination of relevant records.

In the case of establishments not known to the certifying OV, the OV should satisfy him/herself that these conditions have been met, including sight of relevant veterinary certification or commercial documentation.

5. Paragraph IV 2 refers. This paragraph may be certified for technical/manufacturing establishments in the UK on the basis of approval or registration in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (Animal by-products Regulation) (as amended). In England, this is enforced by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Certifying OVs are advised that, in accordance with Articles 54 and 55 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009, references to Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 shall be construed as references to Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and that establishments, plants and users approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 before 4 March 2011 shall be deemed to be approved or registered, as required, in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

Confirmation of approval or registration of UK establishments can be determined on sight of a valid approval or registration document, or by reference to the Specialist Service Centre – Exports, in Carlisle.

For establishments located outside the UK, confirmation of appropriate approval and supervision of the technical/manufacturing establishment may be confirmed by reference to relevant veterinary certification or sight of the establishment's approval document issued by the competent authority of the country of origin.

6. Paragraph IV 5 may be certified on sight of laboratory test results corresponding to the batches/lots of product in the consignment confirming results within the acceptable ranges for the scope of the testing methodology used. The serial number of the certificate of analysis should be entered into the space provided.

7. Paragraph IV 6 refers. The entire paragraph IV 6 should be deleted if the consignment does not contain any products derived from or containing bovine blood. If the consignment consists of products derived from or containing bovine blood, then one of the options at paragraph IV 6(a) and paragraph IV 6(b) must be certified.

For the purposes of certifying the option at paragraph IV 6(a)(i), countries with a negligible BSE risk in accordance with the OIE include: Argentina, Australia, Chile, Finland, Iceland, India, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Singapore, Sweden and Uruguay.

However, the certifying OV is advised to confirm the current list of negligible BSE risk countries, either by reference to the list published on the OIE website at (https://www.woah.org/en/document/std-pn2022-1-document-annex-b1b-en-questionnaire-bse-risk-status/) or by reference to the Centre of International Trade, Carlisle.

Certifying OVs are reminded that the UK is a country with a controlled BSE risk in accordance with the OIE.

Paragraphs IV 6(a)(i) or (ii) (as appropriate) may be certified on the basis of familiarity with procedures in the place at the animal holding and the manufacturing establishment and/or examination of relevant records.

In the case of establishments not known to the certifying OV, the OV should satisfy him/herself that these conditions have been met, including sight of relevant official veterinary certification or commercial documentation.

8. Paragraph IV 6(b) refers. This paragraph may be certified on sight of laboratory test results for the presence of the causative agent of bovine viral diarrhoea corresponding to the batches/lots of product in the consignment confirming negative results within the scope of the testing methodology used. The serial number of the certificate of analysis should be entered into the space provided even if it was already entered at paragraph IV 5.

9. **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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