

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION  
CONTAINING HYDROLYSED BEEF PROTEIN FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO MEXICO -  
8020EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

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**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8020EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8020EHC.

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.

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**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Certificate 8020EHC has been prepared at the request of the importing country to cover exports of healthcare products for human consumption contained within a capsule manufactured from gelatine of bovine origin.

Then scope of 8020EHC applies only to the bovine-derived material from which the capsule is made. It does not apply to the contents of the encapsulated healthcare product, for example dietary supplements such as fish oil.

**2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

In Great Britain, this certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government and holding the appropriate valid Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

In Northern Ireland, this certificate may be signed by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

OVs must sign and stamp the certificate with the OV stamp in ink of any colour other than black.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) Customer Service Centre (CSC) at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

**3. AUDIT OF DOCUMENTATION**

8020EHC is a technical certificate and has been agreed by the Mexican authorities.

The whole of Part II of the certificate can only be certified on the basis of a detailed audit by the certifying OV of documentation at the manufacturing facility. The audit must provide evidence that the statements on the certificate regarding the origin and manufacture of the bovine-derived material ingredient of the capsule have been met and that the product has been approved for human consumption by the appropriate authority.

If manufacturer declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has the appropriate knowledge of the relevant parts of the production process.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2012 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] 'must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated'. Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

#### **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 APHA CSC at Carlisle via the link below or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast for further advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>