

EXPORT TO INDIA OF ANIMAL FEED CONTAINING INGREDIENTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN -  
8071EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8071EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8071EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8071EHC. 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

This certificate may be used for the export to India of feed additives, premixes, compound feed and other animal feedingstuffs containing certain ingredients derived from terrestrial or aquatic animals.

However, this certificate must not be used for the export of consignments containing processed animal protein derived from poultry or any other terrestrial animal.

For the purposes of this certificate, the following definition of 'processed animal protein', taken from Annex I of Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended), shall apply:

*"animal protein derived entirely from Category 3 material, which have been treated in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter II of Annex X (including blood meal and fishmeal) so as to render them suitable for direct use as feed material or for any other use in feedingstuffs, including petfood, or for use in organic fertilisers or soil improvers; however, it does not include blood products, milk, milk-based products, milk-derived products, colostrum, colostrum products, centrifuge or separator sludge, gelatine, hydrolysed proteins and dicalcium phosphate, eggs and egg-products, including eggshells, tricalcium phosphate and collagen".*

Category 3 material is defined under Article 10 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended), and only those Category 3 materials described under subparagraphs (a) through to (m) of Article 10 may be used for the manufacture of processed animal protein.

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

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

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Specialist Service Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, or to DAERA, within seven days of issue.

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

**3. Paragraph II(a) - Official control number**

Establishments producing animal feedingstuffs in the EU must be approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. In England, this is enforced by the Animal Feed (Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2015 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;

The approval or registration number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval or registration document or by reference to the local authority responsible for the manufacturing establishment.

**4. Paragraph IV - Health information**

Paragraph IV may be certified on the basis of the following specific guidance in conjunction with any necessary evidence resulting from the OV's familiarity with the sourcing, procurement, segregation, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the facility. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection and examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements and valid declarations.

**(a) Paragraph IV(a)(i) - Inspected by competent authority**

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of approval or registration of the manufacturing establishment in accordance with Regulation (EC) 183/2005 as described at paragraph 3 above.

**(b) Paragraph IV(a)(ii) - Permitted levels of harmful substances**

Pesticides and antibiotics are examples of undesirable substances which may be present in animal feed.

The presence of undesirable substances in animal feed is controlled by Council Directive 2002/32/EC of 7 May 2002 (as amended) on undesirable substances in animal feed, which sets the maximum permitted levels (MPLs) of these substances.

This Directive is implemented and enforced in England by the Animal Feed (Composition, Marketing and Use) (England) Regulations 2015 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This UK legislation makes it an offence for any person to use or place on the market any feedingstuffs that contain an undesirable substance at a level above the relevant MPL.

This paragraph may therefore be certified on the basis that the animal feedingstuffs in the consignment are eligible for placing on the market and use within the UK and the rest of the EU.

**(c) Paragraph IV(b) - Absence of certain processed animal proteins**

This paragraph relates to meat meal, bone meal, blood meal and other types of processed animal proteins derived from terrestrial animals.

In practice, this means that the only type of processed animal protein which may be present in the consignment is fishmeal. Fishmeal is defined in Annex I of Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended) as:

*"processed animal protein derived from aquatic animals, except sea mammals"*

(d) **Paragraph IV(c) - Absence of high risk animal by-products**  
This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the ingredients of animal origin used in the manufacture of the product were either Category 3 material or derived from Category 3 material as referred to in paragraph 1 above.

(e) **Paragraph IV(d) - Notifiable status of BSE**  
This paragraph may be certified as written on the basis of the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies laid down under Regulation (EC) 999/2001 (as amended). In England, this is enforced by the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2010 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;

5. If declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

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.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

6. **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 (CIT)- Exports in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:  
e-mail- [tradeadminpost@daeragov.uk](mailto:tradeadminpost@daeragov.uk)  
Phone - 0289 0520989