

**EXPORT OF NON-HUMAN PRIMATE BLOOD SAMPLES FOR LABORATORY USE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ISRAEL**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

Associated Document: 6567EHC

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6567EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6567EHC. 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 of blood samples taken from non-human primates to Israel for use within a laboratory environment.

**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 and 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 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 by examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements, laboratory analysis and valid declarations.

**(a) Paragraph IV(1) - Leak proof aseptic containers**

This relates to the phials or bottles containing the material itself and not to the outer packaging containing the phials or bottles.

**(b) Paragraph IV(2) - Labelling**

This should include labelling of the outer packaging to make the intended use of the material obvious.

**(c) Paragraph IV(3) - Clinically healthy donor animals**

This may be supported by declarations from those directly responsible for the health and wellbeing of the donor animals and by examination of the facility's records relating to animal health, diagnostic tests and veterinary treatment.

- (d) **Paragraph IV(4) - Official veterinary authority supervision**  
This may be certified on the basis that the manufacturing establishment is approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended). In England, this is enforced by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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

The approval or registration status may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval or registration document or by reference to the responsible local APHA or DAERA office.

- (e) **Paragraph IV(5) - Zoonotic disease freedom**  
The officially notifiable viral zoonotic diseases are Ebola and Monkey Pox, and this paragraph may be certified on the basis of records from the facility regarding disease notifications showing no notifications for the 3 months prior to export.

#### 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 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>

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:  
e-mail- tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk  
Phone - 0289 0520989