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**EXPORT OF RAW HIDES AND SKINS OF CLOVEN-HOOFED ANIMALS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA - 5522EHC**

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

**IMPORTANT**

**These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5522EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5522EHC. 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 5522EHC may be used for the export of raw hides and skins of cloven-hoofed animals from the UK to the Republic of Korea.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD), National Assembly For Wales Agricultural Department (NAWAD) or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

 A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager (DVM) or Divisional Veterinary Officer in NI (DVO-NI) within seven days of issue. OVs should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. **ante-mortem & POST-MORTEM inspection**

 Paragraph IV. a) refers. This can be certified on the basis of support certification from the Official Veterinary Surgeon responsible for the slaughterhouse of origin.

4. **NOTIFIABLE** **DISEASE CLEARANCE**

 The certification contained in paragraph IV (b) may be signed on behalf of the Department provided you are in receipt of written authority (form 618NDC or equivalent in NI) which will be sent to you by the local Divisional Veterinary Manager 10 days before shipment.

5. **TREATMENT**

 Paragraph IV (c) may be signed on the basis of familiarity with the procedures at the production plant, and on examination of production records.

6. **DISCLAIMER**

 The Defra disclaimer (Form 372DMR or equivalent in NI) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 International Animal Health Division at the address given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>