

HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR PROCESSED ANIMAL PROTEINS, NOT INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING MIXTURES AND PRODUCTS OTHER THAN PETFOOD CONTAINING SUCH PROTEIN, FOR DISPATCH TO OF FOR TRANSITING THROUGH THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA - 7362EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 7362EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export health certificate 7362EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7362EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 7362EHC may be used for the export of processed animal protein and products containing processed animal proteins (but not petfood) from the UK to the Republic of Macedonia.

Restrictions On The Export Of Processed Animal Protein

Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended) states that *processed animal protein* means "means 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).

In accordance with Regulation (EC) 999/2001 (as amended), **processed animal proteins derived from ruminant animals** or products (other than finished petfood) containing it **cannot be exported** by any EU Member State to a third country.

This Regulation also states that processed animal protein derived from non-ruminant animals (other than fish) can only be exported to a third country provided it meets the following criteria:

- (a) it is not intended for feeding to ruminant animals, equidae or to any animals (with the exception of carnivorous fur-bearing animals) which are kept, fattened or bred by humans and used for the production of food, wool, fur, feathers, hides and skins or any other product obtained from animals or for other farming purposes (however, the feeding of poultry-derived bloodmeal to fish is permitted).
- (b) a specific written agreement from the importing third country (including adherence to the feeding prohibitions above) to the exporting EU Member State prior to export.

No such written agreement exists between the UK and the Republic of Macedonia.

Therefore, the only processed animal protein which can be present in consignments covered by this certificate is fishmeal.

The fishmeal used must comply with the applicable requirements of Regulation (EC) 999/2001 (as amended) both in terms of its manufacture and its use. This Regulation states that fishmeal or products containing fishmeal cannot be fed to ruminant animals and the packaging of the product must clearly indicate this.

If the OV has any concerns that the consignment may contain processed animal protein derived from any species other than fish or that it is intended for a prohibited use then the certificate should not be signed and the local Animal Health Divisional Office (AHDO) should be consulted.

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 Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Government - Department for Rural Affairs, 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/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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports in Carlisle, within seven days of issue.

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

3. **FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE**

In accordance with the requirements of the Veterinary Authorities of the RM, the layout and numbering of this certificate follow the template of veterinary certificates to the EU as produced by the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES). As such, specific guidance on completing this style of certification has been provided in these notes.

4. **COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DISPATCHED CONSIGNMENT**

I.3. - Central Competent Authority

The certifying OV should enter "Defra".

I.4. - Local Competent Authority

The certifying OV should enter the name of the local office of Animal Health Veterinary Laboratories Agency responsible for the exporting establishment. Where this the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DARD" should be entered.

I.7. - Country ISO Codes

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for the whole of the United Kingdom is "GB" and this should be entered at Box I.7. Box I.8 should be marked N/A (not applicable).

The ISO Code for Macedonia is 'MK' and should be entered at Box I.9. The certifying OV should make enquiries to verify the destination Macedonian Regional Code, which should be entered in Box I.10.

I.11. - Approval Number

Rendering plants located within the EU must be approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (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.

OVs should enter the relevant approval number in addition to the address of the premises of origin.

I.15. - Identification

The registration number of transport vehicles, flight number or name of the vessel must be provided. In case of unloading and reloading, the consignor must inform the BIP of entry into the RM.

I.16. - Border Inspection Post (BIP) of Entry into the RM

The Macedonian BIP of entry must be entered at Box I.16.

I.19. - HS Code

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system in which articles are grouped into various categories. It is used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics. The appropriate HS Code, from the three options below, should be entered in Box I.19:

- 05.05 - Skins and other parts of birds, with their feathers or down, feathers and parts of feathers (whether or not with trimmed edges) and down, not further worked than cleaned, disinfected or treated for preservation; powder and waste of feathers or parts of feathers.
- 05.06 - Bones and horn-cores, unworked, defatted, simply prepared (but not cut to shape), treated with acid or degelatinised; powder and waste of these products.
- 05.07 - Ivory, tortoiseshell, whalebone and whalebone hair, horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and beaks, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste of these products.
- 23.01 - Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption; greaves

The above codes and descriptions are taken from Sections I and IV of the HS Code. Further information on HS Codes, including the Section Notes referred to in the above descriptions, can be found online at <https://www.uktradeinfo.com/index.cfm?task=icnbrowsone>

I.28. - Official Identification

Further to I.11 above, OVs should enter the relevant approval number of the manufacturing plant in addition to the other required information.

I.28. - Schedules

If necessary, a separate schedule may be used to identify the consignment. The schedule must contain the same information as that required in Box I.28 of the certificate and this box must be annotated "See Attached Schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in Box I.28 should be deleted with diagonal lines.

4. PART II - CERTIFICATION

Taking into consideration the additional guidance below, the health attestation may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of Regulations (EC) 1069/2009 and 142/2011 (as amended) and familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the processing establishment and/or examination of relevant records and documentation including laboratory test results.

Any reference to Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 or to Macedonian "Law on Animal By-products" should be construed as being a reference to Regulations (EC) 1069/2009 and 142/2011 (as amended).

Any references to Macedonian "Law on Veterinary Public Health" should be construed as being a reference to the EU Hygiene package, including Regulations (EC) 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs, 853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin and 854/2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption. In England, the EU Hygiene package is implemented and enforced by the Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

II.1.(a) - Approval, validation and supervision of establishment

This paragraph may be signed on the basis of approval in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (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.

II.1.(b) and (c) - Sourcing and processing

Certifying OV should ensure that these paragraphs accurately reflect the consignment by deleting those statements which do not apply.

II.3. - Packaging

Certifying OV should ensure that this paragraph accurately reflects the consignment by deleting the statement which does not apply.

5. 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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>

