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EXPORT OF POULTRY TISSUE FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES TO NORTHERN IRELAND FROM GREAT BRITAIN

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

**1. Scope**

Health certificate 6604EHC is intended to accompany consignments of tissue samples from Poultry to Northern Ireland.

**Associated documents:** 6604EHC, 618NDC and 372DMR.

**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, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or National Assembly For Wales who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner. The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in any ink colour OTHER THAN BLACK.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the **local** Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of issue.

**3. Disease Clearance**

 The OVs may certify paragraphs IV (a) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the local Animal Health Divisional Office on form 618NDC.

**4. Sealing of the Containers**

 Paragraphs IV(b)(i)refers.The tissue sample must be secured within a suitably leak-proof container with a tamperproof seal applied in such a way that the container cannot be opened without breaking the seal. If it is necessary to reopen the container, this should be done in the presence of an Official Veterinarian who should apply a new tamperproof seal.

**5.** **Disinfection**

 Paragraph IV(b)(ii) refers, the OV must ensure that a DEFRA approved disinfectant is used.Disinfectants are approved by DEFRA under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1978 (as amended). The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant approved on the basis of their efficacy against certain notifiable disease viruses. DEFRA approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

**6. Disclaimer**

 The Department disclaimer (Form 372DMR) 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 Export Strategy Branch, of International Animal

 Health Division at the address given below.

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