

EXPORT OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN USED IN AGRICULTURE TO NORWAY

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8064EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV's) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8064EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8064EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. **SCOPE**

This certificate may be used for the export of used agricultural machinery and equipment, including horse trailers and other equipment which has been used in agriculture from the United Kingdom to Norway.

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

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: provision of certified copies

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the Department where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

3. **DISINFECTION**

Paragraph IV (a) refers: The Official Veterinarian must be satisfied that the machinery or piece of equipment has been thoroughly cleaned with water under pressure and disinfected with an EU-approved disinfectant, both on the inside and especially on the outside, wheels, framework and chassis. The OV must inspect the machinery or piece of equipment to check that it is visibly clean, and that it is free from soil, plant remains and contamination from pests.

An "EU-approved disinfectant" means a disinfectant approved in accordance with the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (England) Order 2007 (as amended) or the equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The OV must check that the disinfectant is suitably approved and that it is has been applied at the 'general orders' dilution rate, as shown on the appropriate 'approved disinfectants' list for either Great Britain or Northern Ireland, as appropriate. These lists are published online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/defra-approved-disinfectant-when-and-how-to-use-it>

and

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/approved-disinfectants>

The OV does not have to be present during the whole process of cleaning and disinfection but for practicality and to avoid having to repeat the whole process it is advised that the OV is present toward the end of the cleaning stage so that any additional cleaning that is required can be carried out and that the disinfectant can then be applied at the correct dilution.

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, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

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