

EXPORT OF FISH FEED CONTAINING ANIMAL INGREDIENTS TO OMAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8085EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8085EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8085EHC. 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

This certificate may be used for the export to Oman of fish feed which was made using ingredients of animal origin.

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 an 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 II(a) - Approval number

This paragraph requires the inclusion of the approval number of the fish feed manufacturer. The approval number used will depend on the approval status of the establishment, as follows:

- (a) for establishments handling unprocessed animal by-products, approval will be 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.

- (b) for establishments handling processed ingredients of animal origin, approval or registration will be in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1831/2003 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. In England, this is enforced by the Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

In either case, confirmation of compliance can be ascertained on sight of a valid approval or registration document or by reference to the Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle.

4. 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 examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements and valid declarations.

(a) **Paragraph IV(a) - Approval and supervision**

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of approval or registration of the manufacturing establishment in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

Approval to export may be certified on the basis that an establishment which is registered or approved as described above is also eligible to export their produce from the UK.

(b) **Paragraph IV(b) - Absence of mammalian protein**

This may be certified on the basis that no material derived from slaughtered ruminant animals was used in the production of the product.

The exclusion of proteins from mammalian tissues does not include dairy products, which may be included.

(c) **Paragraph IV(c) - Approved manufacturing practice**

The product can be considered to have been made using approved manufacturing practices which are sufficient to render it free from pathogenic microorganisms on the basis of the manufacturer's approval or registration as described in paragraph 3 above. This may be further supported by satisfactory routine laboratory bacterial analysis.

(d) **Paragraph IV(d) - Freedom from pathogenic organisms**

This may be certified on the basis of satisfactory routine laboratory analysis of samples of batches of the product. This should include satisfactory tests for the presence of contaminants, residues and other undesirable substances as well as pathogenic organisms such as Salmonella spp.

(e) **Paragraph IV(e) - Radioactive contamination**

Certification of this paragraph may be supported by declarations signed by someone who has the relevant knowledge and responsibility to be able to make such declarations regarding the ingredients or the product itself. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

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 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