

EXPORT OF POULTRY MEAT TO TOGO - 6050EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS: 6050EHC and 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6050EHC. Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but to be read in conjunction with certificate 6050EHC.

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 OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 6050EHC may be used for the export of poultry meat of UK origin from the United Kingdom to Togo.

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, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA) who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

For GB, a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of signing. The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

For Northern Ireland, the OV should retain a copy for his/her own records and a copy may also be requested by DAERA.

3. Paragraph I e) (i) and (ii) - The certifying veterinarian should insert both container and seal numbers.

4. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF MEAT

Paragraph IV. (a) refers. This paragraph requires the meat to be produced from birds which have been hatched, reared and slaughtered in the UK.

This paragraph may be signed on the basis of veterinary support documents from premises of origin or producer reports received from premises under veterinary supervision in accordance with the relevant hygiene regulations, and examination of statements from the manufacturer's veterinary surgeon/s or of statements from the OVs at the slaughterhouse/s. These reports must include hatchery details.

5. APPROVED STATUS AND APPROVAL NUMBER OF THE MANUFACTURING PLANT

Paragraph IV. b), c) and e) may be certified on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004. The OV should view evidence of approval, such as the facility/establishment official approval number.

6. FITNESS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Paragraph IV. b) and f) may be certified on the basis that the poultry meat has been supplied from approved slaughterhouses in the UK and that the meat could only have been produced and passed for human consumption if the points in this paragraph were complied with.

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE (FORM 618NDC)**

Paragraph IV. d) with respect to Newcastle Disease and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Foul Plague) refers.

OVs may certify the paragraph on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office, based on details of premises of origin of the birds.

8. **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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre (SSC) - the Centre for International Trade in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>