

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 OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, 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.

Certified Copy Requirements

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of EHCs for the following EHC types:

- If the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids
- EHCs where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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
aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates 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. 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 identification marks which demonstrate compliance with retained EU Regulations. In the UK this food hygiene legislation is implemented by the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, and its equivalent in the devolved regions. 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 of oval identification marks showing 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) may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her before shipment.

Clearance will be given on the basis of information provided at time of application on the location of the flocks of origin and slaughter, cutting, processing and storage premises. All premises must be outside of any zone established around an infected premises for disease control purposes, until that zone has been lifted. For origin farms this is applied as the zone being in place at the time of slaughter 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 the APHA Centre for International Trade (CIT) - Exports in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:
e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk
Phone - 0289 0520989