

EXPORT OF FROZEN BOVINE TRIPE TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA - 8004EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

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IMPORTANT NOTE

These guidance notes are not intended to operate as a standalone document but must be read in conjunction with Export Health Certificate 8004EHC.

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

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1. SCOPE OF CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 8004EHC may be used for the export of frozen bovine tripe from the United Kingdom to the Republic of Namibia. There is official agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry of Namibia to accept bovine tripe for further processing. The animals from which the tripe is obtained must have been born, reared and slaughtered in the UK.

2. IMPORT PERMIT

Prior to making arrangements to export frozen bovine tripe to Namibia, exporters are advised to contact Epidemiology, Import and Export Services of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry for up to date information on requirements for import documentation.

3. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

In Great Britain, this certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an authorised Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

In Northern Ireland, this certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) employed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade at Carlisle within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland must be retained in the issuing establishment.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

4. ORIGIN OF THE ANIMALS FROM WHICH THE EXPORTED MEAT IS DERIVED

Paragraph 1.1 refers. This paragraph can be certified on the basis of the Official Veterinarian's familiarity with the procurement policy at the slaughterhouse/s and examination of appropriate records.

5. **OFFICIAL DISEASE CLEARANCES**

Paragraphs 1.2, and 2, can be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so on 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office within 10 days of shipment.

Paragraph 1.4 can be certified on the basis that importation of animals into the UK not meeting the requirements of 1.2 and 1.3 is prohibited.

6. **VACCINATION OF ANIMALS AGAINST NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

Paragraph 1.3 may be certified on the basis that routine vaccination of animals against foot and mouth disease is not permitted in the United Kingdom.

7. **BSE ATTESTATION**

Paragraph 3 and 5.1 may be certified on the basis that the United Kingdom remains a controlled BSE risk in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Code.

8. **TSE STATEMENTS - SCRAPIE and other TSEs**

Paragraph 4 may be certified on the basis of compliance with TSE legislation (Regulation (EC) No. 999/2001, as transposed into national legislation).

The UK competent authorities (Defra, the Devolved Administrations and the Food Standards Agency) ensure compliance with the legislation.

9. **BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) STATEMENTS**

Paragraphs 5.3 a), b) and c) may be certified on the basis that these are requirements of the TSE legislation (Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as transposed into national legislation). The UK competent authorities (Defra and the Devolved Administrations and the Food Standards Agency) ensure compliance with the legislation. All material mentioned in 5.3 a) should be removed even though some material is only considered specified risk material (SRM) if obtained from animals over 12 months (skull, brain, spinal cord etc) or over 30 months (dorsal root ganglia, vertebral column etc);

10. **EU REGULATIONS 852/2004, 853/2004 AND 854/2004 as amended (The EU 'Food Hygiene Package')**

Paragraphs 5.2,6,7,8 and 11 may be certified on the basis of the application of the oval health mark or identification mark on the exported meat or packaging thereof, indicating that the slaughterhouse, cutting plant and manufacturing premises (if applicable)are officially approved and operating in accordance with the above Regulations.

In the case of untreated tripe paragraph 6 may be certified on the basis that the frozen tripe will be going for further processing i.e. cooking, and there is an agreement in place with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry of Namibia stating this. This is in compliance with article 12 of 178/2002.

In the case of standalone cold stores, Paragraphs 7 and 8 may be certified on the basis that the cold store is approved under the above Regulations by the Local Authority in whose area it is located.

Paragraph 9 may be certified on the basis of personal knowledge or reference to records provided by the cold store.

Paragraph 12 may be certified on the basis of a signed declaration from the exporter indicating the storage temperature of the container / ship involved.

**11. DISCLAIMER**

It is the responsibility of the exporter to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country if these are available. If official advice is provided by authorities in the importing country or an import permit provided, the exporter must copy these to the APHA CIT at Carlisle when applying for the certificate.

If the advice or the permit does not match the assurances provided on 8004EHC, the exporter should contact the APHA CIT at Carlisle via the link below or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast for further advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>