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**EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS - 6980EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

**Associated Documents:** 6980EHC, 6980NFG and 372DMR

**Important**

**These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6980EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6980EHC. 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 Of the Certificate

Export health certificate 6980EHC may be used for the export of Dairy Products from Great Britain to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

2. **Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector

appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural

Affairs, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department

or National Assembly For Wales who is an Official Veterinarian (OV)

on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV

stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with OV stamp in

any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager within 7 days of issue. The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records.

3. Paragraph IV 1 may be certified on the following bases:

 (a)Where the products are manufactured at establishments which are

 ‘approved’ under the food hygiene regulation (i.e. because the

 starting material they handle is unprocessed), the product should

 bear the oval mark.

 **However,**

 (b)where the starting material used to manufacture the product at the

 establishment is already fully processed, the establishment would

 not need to be ‘approved’ under the food hygiene regulation, but

 must have been ‘registered’ and it is **not** necessary in this case,

 to oval mark the fully manufactured product.

 This is in compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004 and Transitional Arrangements under which stocks produced in accordance with Council Directive 92/46/EEC, as implemented in GB by the Dairy Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1995, can be traded until 31/12/2009.

4. Compliance with processing standards detailed in paragraph IV 2. A&B or date of production may be certified on the basis of:

* knowledge of the production process operating in the establishment; and
* checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the batches certified; and
* in the case of LVI certification, on the basis of supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible Environmental Health Officer.

5. Paragraph IV 3. may be certified on the basis that the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1996 prohibits the sale or supply for human or animal consumption of milk from animals affected with or suspected of suffering from BSE.

6. Paragraph IV 4. refers to the BSE (No 2) Order 1988.

 7. **Disclaimer**

 The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 International Animal Health Division via the appropriate address in the link given below.

 http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm