

NO:

EXPORT OF DAIRY/EGG/GELATIN-BASED PRODUCTS TO TURKEY

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPORTER AND CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 6993EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6993EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6993EHC. 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 6993EHC may be used for the export of dairy/egg/gelatin-based products to Turkey

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

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs 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. **NOTE: Information provided by industry indicates that the milk and milk products (which must be declared) should not originate from: China, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong or Taiwan.**

Also, the country of origin of any pork gelatine used in the product should be declared in the certificate.

4. Paragraph II refers.
The owner should insert here, any specific details regarding the source (country of origin/species of origin) of any of the ingredients, as may be required in the specific import permit for the consignment.
5. Paragraph III refers.

This paragraph may be signed on the basis of a declaration from an authorised signatory of the manufacturer and by reference to any existing valid official documentation supplied by Turkey's competent authority, such as an import permit.

The exporter must supply a declaration including exactly the same wording as the matters to be certified. This must be signed by person(s) who has/have knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production, transport and storage process. 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 in 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. Where possible, supporting evidence (for example, health certificate for raw materials showing their country of origin) should be called for and put on file. A copy of the import permit, where applicable, should also be presented to the Veterinary Office and put on file.

The RVCS Guide to Professional Conduct 2000 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated".

III (a) - The specific treatment/processing applied to the egg/milk/gelatin contained in the product should be specified for each relevant ingredient.

III (b) - where more than one ingredient needs to be accounted for, the details of each of the processing establishments should be

clearly specified against each ingredient - raw milk, egg or gelatin.

III (c) and (d) - If any additional specific assurances are required by Turkey in respect of the product to be exported, such information should be entered at III (c) and (d).

If these spaces are insufficient for the information to be supplied, please continue on additional sheets. In such cases, the paragraphs in question should then be annotated "Continued on the attached additional schedule(s)". Each page of the additional schedule should bear a page number and the health certificate number, and must be stamped, signed and dated. The schedule(s) must be stapled with the certificate and the certifying official should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule(s) and certificate. One corner of the schedule(s) and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any unused/blank spaces at these paragraphs and/or on the schedules should be deleted with diagonal lines.

6. 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, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

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

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