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**EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO UGANDA - 7296EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN**

**Associated Documents:** 7296EHC and 618NDC

**IMPORTANT**

**These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7296EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7296EHC. 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 7296EHC may be used for the export of dairy products from the United Kingdom to Uganda.

1. **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 (Defra), Scottish Government – Rural Directorate, Welsh Government, Department for Rural Affairs, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to

AHVLA Specialist Service Centre – Exports in Carlisle, within seven days of issue.

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

# HEALTH INFORMATION

* Paragraphs **IV.** 1. and 3 refer: the dairy ingredients used must bear oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.
* Paragraph IV 2 may be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office, within 10 days of shipment;
* Paragraph IV. 5. may be signed on the basis of the following:

The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in food and the Environment - which summarises the results of monitoring. The results of these monitoring supports the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

1. **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 AHVLA Specialist Service Centre – Exports, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/tradeexports.html>