

EXPORT TO BAHRAIN OF DRY, SEMI-MOIST OR CANNED PETFOOD CONTAINING NO MATERIAL FROM BOVINE ANIMALS, OTHER THAN DAIRY PRODUCTS, OR MAMMALIAN MEAT MEAL, BONE MEAL OR MEAT AND BONE MEAL - 8069EHC

Associated Document: 8069EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8069EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8069EHC. 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 8069EHC may be used for the export of canned and processed pet food from the United Kingdom to Bahrain.

In accordance with paragraph IV 1 of the certificate, the pet food must not contain any processed animal protein derived from mammals, and dairy products are the only ruminant-derived ingredients that may be used in the manufacture of the pet food. See paragraph 3(b) below for further information.

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is and Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

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 the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Specialist Service Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, or to DAERA, within seven days of issue.

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

3. Paragraph IV - Health information

Paragraph IV may be certified on the basis of the following specific guidance in conjunction with any necessary evidence resulting from the OV's familiarity with the sourcing, procurement, segregation, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the facility. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection and examination of relevant documentation and/or records such as commercial documentation, veterinary statements or valid declarations.

(a) Paragraph IV 1 - Meat meal, bone meal or meat and bone meal

For the purposes of this paragraph, "meat meal, bone meal or meat and bone meal" should be interpreted as a reference to processed animal protein as defined under Annex I of Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended).

(b) **Paragraph IV 2 - Low risk material**

The raw (unprocessed) animal materials used in the manufacture of the petfood may be considered to be "*low risk material*" if they were Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10(a) to (m) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 (as amended).

(c) **Paragraph IV 4(d) - Bacteriological testing**

For the purposes of this paragraph, "satisfactory" means compliance with the following standards:

Salmonellae: absence in 25g, n=5, c=0, m=0, M=0
Enterobacteriaceae: n=5, c=2, m=10, M=3x10² in 1g;

where:

n = number of units comprising the sample;

m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all the sample units does not exceed **m**;

M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more sample units is **M** or more;

c = number of sample units the bacterial count of which may be between **m** and **M**, the sample still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other sample units is **m** or less.

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that:

either

- i) **in the case of pet food manufactured within the EU** the pet food manufacturer is approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended). Regular bacteriological testing of the pet food against the above standards is a condition of this approval.

In England, this is enforced by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The approval status of the pet food manufacturer under Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended) may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval document or by reference to the relevant EU Member State's list of approved animal by-product establishments, as published at:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/animal-by-products/approved-establishments/index_en.htm

or

- ii) **in the case of pet food imported into the EU** the pet food was accompanied by veterinary certification confirming compliance with the abovementioned microbiological standards;

or

- iii) relevant laboratory test results from an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory confirming that the pet food complies with the abovementioned microbiological standards.

4. Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production 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 on 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 and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

5. **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:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

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