

IMPORTANT

Exporters and Official Veterinarians (OVs) are advised that the conditions for export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China (PRC) are complex and demanding. Clearances for certain non-notifiable diseases such as PRRS on premises of origin are not straightforward and special procedures have been introduced to facilitate these declarations.

Well in advance of exports taking place, exporters and certifying OVs must become familiar with these notes for guidance and all associated documents. In the event of any questions, they are advised to contact the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) by email at product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301 or DAERA in Northern Ireland at VS.Implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or by phone at 028 90520931.

In an attempt to simplify the procedures, these notes 7006NFG have been split into five separate parts as follows:

- 7006NFG - Part 1: Introduction and General Principles (read first)
- 7006NFG - Part 2: Farm Assurances
- 7006NFG - Part 3: Slaughterhouses and cutting plants
- 7006NFG - Part 4: Standalone cutting plants (this document)
- 7006NFG - Part 5: Final certification at exporting cold stores
- 7006NFG - Flow diagram of export chain

Associated Documents

- The Protocol for veterinary and health requirements for export of pig meat to the People's Republic of China, the UK-China Trotters Protocol and Standard Operational Procedures for Trotters (included in 7006NFG - Part 1);
- 7006ANNA - PAS quarterly veterinary food chain information (FCI) and health declaration for herds of origin;
- 7006ANNB - Owner/manager FCI declaration to slaughterhouse operator;
- 7006ANNC - Owner manager support declaration for PAS/farm veterinarians completing 7006ANNA;
- 7006IMC - Internal movement certificate;
- 7006EXA - Guidance on completion of the interactive pre-certificate (application for export/EHC to CSC Carlisle or DAERA).

These five parts and all other associated documents may be downloaded from the website of the United Kingdom Export Certification Partnership (UKECP) via the following link: www.ukecp.com/export-health-certificates . The documents can be found using the search parameters 'China', 'meat' and 'porcine'.

Alternatively, these can be obtained from the [EHC finder](#) page of GOV.UK.

7006NFG - PART 4: STANDALONE CUTTING PLANTS

1. INTRODUCTION

These notes are intended for exporters and certifying OVs in standalone cutting plants supplying PRC export eligible meat to the downstream establishment (usually a cold store) from where the consignment will be dispatched to its final destination in the PRC.

Certifying OVs in standalone cutting plants are required to provide support documentation in the form of an Internal Movement Certificate (IMC), confirming that the consignment of meat meets PRC requirements in full. This support document enables the OV in the premises of dispatch to sign final export health certificate 7006EHC.

2. SCOPE OF EXPORTS TO THE PRC

Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG.

3. USE OF INTERNAL MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES (IMCs) FOR MOVEMENTS BETWEEN PREMISES OF PRC EXPORT ELIGIBLE MEAT:

The OV at the standalone cutting plant must complete a copy of an Internal Movement Certificate (IMC) for downstream movement of each consignment of meat intended for export to the PRC. Form **7006IMC** can be used for this purpose. Individual IMCs are not issued by the APHA or DAERA and may be downloaded as required from the UKECP or the GOV.UK websites as described above.

The certifying OV at the standalone cutting plant must keep electronic records or, if paper copies are used, OVs must make copies of issued certificates. The OV at the slaughterhouse must give each IMC a unique reference number which should consist of the plant approval number followed by the date of slaughter and a sequential number e.g.: UK1234EC/21.03.19/05 or 1234/21.03.19/05 from 1 November 2020.

(See 7006EXA guidance document for more information on new approval/registration number format with effect from 1 November 2020)

The paper copy of the IMC can be handwritten - information does not have to be typed but the details must be clearly legible and unambiguous.

The IMC can be completed and signed on the basis of personal knowledge of the procedures at the standalone cutting plant and on the basis of production records and SOPs.

4. APPROVAL OF MEAT PLANTS AND COLD STORES TO EXPORT TO THE PRC

All slaughterhouses, cutting premises, manufacturing premises and cold stores intending to export eligible pork and pig meat products to PRC require specific inspection and approval prior to export taking place.

Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG for full details on procedures for premises approvals AND the **7006EXA** guidance document for approval/registration format with effect from 1 November 2020.

5. NOTES ON COMPLETION OF THE IMC OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENT

5.1 Identification of the product

Section I of the 7006IMC refers. The guidance provided on the document 7006EXA - *Guidance on completion of the interactive pre-certificate* (application for export/EHC to CSC Carlisle or DAERA) should be followed.

6.2 Name, address and approval number of PRC-approved plants

Paragraphs II (a) and (b) of the 7006IMC refer. Only establishments with prior approval to export to PRC are eligible to export. Exporters must ensure that the animals have been slaughtered and the meat processed at the export premises after the date(s) of approval by the PRC for all plants involved.

It is essential that the correct names and addresses are recorded - details should be taken from the list of approved plants which is available from APHA CSC Carlisle and the central office in DAERA in Northern Ireland.

***** IMPORTANT *** REFERENCES TO APPROVAL NUMBERS FROM 1 November 2020**

The UK has reached an agreement with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (**GACC**) to update the details of the approval numbers of all UK establishments requiring listing with China. **With effect from 1 November 2020** the approval/registration numbers for establishments listed to export pork to China will cease to have references to UK and EC. From that time, approval/registration numbers will include **the central unique identifier number ONLY** [four numerical digits for abattoirs (under FSA/FSS/DAERA control) - or - five/six alpha-numerical digits for cold stores (where under local authority approval)].

The format of the approval/registration number including the UK affix and the EC suffix shall continue to be used and entered in Sections II (a), (b) and (c) of 7006EHC export health certificates signed before and up to 31 October 2020.

The format of the approval/registration number without the UK affix and the EC suffix shall be used and entered in Sections II (a), (b) and (c) of 7006EHC export health certificates signed after 31 October 2020.

Illustrative examples:

Format to be used in export health certificates SIGNED <i>BEFORE</i> 1 November 2020	Format to be used in export health certificates SIGNED <i>AFTER</i> 31 October 2020
UK 2090 EC	2090
UK AB123 EC	AB123

Consignments certified before 1 November 2020 (which must contain UK and EC references in the approval/registration number) will be accepted for import to China upon arrival within a crossover period of 2 months after 31 October 2020.

THE NEW FORMAT APPLICABLE FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2020 MUST BE USED IN ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPORTS OF PORK TO CHINA, INCLUDING IN

INTERNAL MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES SIGNED FROM THAT DATE (7006IMC - Section II refers).

The approval numbers for the slaughterhouse(s), cutting plant(s) and cold store(s) must be entered in the formats above, as applicable.

Exporters and OVs are strongly advised to see further information on approval numbers and health/ID marking of product contained in the 7006EXA and 7006NFG - Part 5_Cold Stores guidance documents.

6. **HEALTH ATTESTATION BY OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN - COMPLIANCE WITH IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRC**

In order to certify the health attestation that the consignment is in compliance with the import conditions of the PRC, OVs must be familiar with the following documents:

- The Protocol between Defra and The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China on veterinary and health requirements for pork to be exported from the United Kingdom to China (hereafter referred to as 'The Protocol'); and in the case of export of trotters

7. **CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL**

Please refer to Part 1 of 7006NFG for a description of The Protocol and the relevant Articles. The Protocol has 16 Articles. For the purposes of certification of exports of pig meat, Articles 4 - 10 refer.

Articles 1 and 2 and Articles 11 - 16 may be certified by the OV on the basis of information already supplied to AQSIQ (now GACC) by the UK competent authorities, together with operating and administrative procedures described in these Articles as agreed between Defra and AQSIQ (now GACC).

Article 3 regarding National disease freedoms may be certified on the behalf of the Department on the basis of written authority from the Department at the final premises of dispatch.

Articles 4(a), 4(b) and 4(c) - UK origin of the animals and premises of origin freedom from specified diseases

The above conditions may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse confirming that the consignment complies with the import conditions of the PRC.

Article 5 - approval of premises exporting to the PRC

All establishments in the export supply chain must hold prior approval to export to the PRC. This may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse.

Article 6 - compliance with UK Hygiene Regulations / fitness for human consumption

The EU legislation mentioned in this document and that the UK is complying with will be incorporated into our UK law as "retained EU

law" under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 upon the UK exit from the EU. References and compliance with the EU law and the correspondent UK law enacted under the Withdrawal Act should be deemed as equivalent.

Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of Article 6 may be certified on the basis of the oval mark and evidence that the slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store are officially approved and operating in accordance with Regulations (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004 and, in the case of microbiological criteria, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2073/2005.

These Regulations are transposed into national legislation and the Food Standards Agency Manual for Official Controls.

With regard to residue levels, paragraph (c) of Article 6 may be certified on the basis of the results of the national surveillance scheme for residues, to which all approved meat establishments are subjected. In the UK, the national surveillance scheme implements Council Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC. The HACCP requirements in Regulation (EC) 852/2004 (Article 5) also places an obligation on all approved meat establishments to ensure compliance with these Directives.

The above Directives are transposed into national legislation by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 and parallel legislation in the devolved administrations of Wales and Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of this certificate OVs should note that residue limits as stipulated by the UK competent authorities and AQSIQ (now GACC) are regarded as equivalent.

Article 7 - segregation of slaughter for non-eligible animals and provision of a dedicated area for storage

The requirement for segregation pre- and post-slaughter and during preliminary processing may be certified on the basis of IMCs signed by the official veterinarian at the supplying slaughterhouse confirming that the consignment complies with the import conditions of the PRC.

All PRC export-eligible meat must be processed, wrapped and packaged separately from other meat not eligible for export to the PRC.

In order to ensure PRC's requirements for traceability and segregation, meat eligible for export to PRC must be clearly identified throughout the entire export chain.

The OV at the standalone cutting plant must be fully familiar with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for segregation/separation. These written procedures must explain how this requirement is achieved and maintained in the standalone cutting plant from the intake of meat to despatch.

Articles 8 and 9 - wrapping, packaging and storage of exported goods

Please refer to the relevant Articles of the Protocol for a description of labelling, packaging and storage details.

8. **DISCLAIMER**

These notes are provided on the basis of information available at the time. It is the exporter's responsibility to check the information against any relevant import permit or any advice provided by the competent authority in the importing country.

For further advice exporters should contact the APHA Customer Service Centre (CSC) Carlisle at product.exports@apha.gsi.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301 or DAERA in Northern Ireland at VS.Implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or by phone at 028 90520931.