EXPORT OF ANIMAL DERIVED MATERIALS INTENDED FOR IN-VITRO AND/OR LABORATORY USE ONLY FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - 6102EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated documents: 6102EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6102EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6102EHC. 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

This certificate may be used to support the export of animal derived materials intended only for in-vitro and/or laboratory use to the following intermediate countries:

- EU Member States;
- Japan;

from where the material is intended for onward shipment to the USA either in its original state or following some form of manipulation (consolidation, re-packaging, mixing, processing etc.) in the intermediate country.

Note that this certificate is only intended to support the export from the intermediate country to the USA rather than the entry of the material into the intermediate country itself.
Exporters must therefore confirm, via their contacts in the intermediate country, if the authorities of the intermediate country require any additional veterinary certification or other documentation in order to accept the material.

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 or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Northern Ireland (DAERA).

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 issuing office (in GB – the Animal and Plant Health Agency's Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

3. DESTINATION OF THE PRODUCTS

Paragraph III (a) refers. This paragraph must be completed with the name of the intermediate country referred to in paragraph 1 above.

4. HEALTH INFORMATION

Paragraph IV refers. This paragraph must be completed with the information required to support the re-export of the material (or the export of the end product made using the material) from the intermediate country to the USA.

This information would typically be set out in the USDA import permit or it may be laid down in standard APHIS guidelines or it may be contained within official correspondence addressed to the American importer.

However, because of the potential commercial confidentiality issues, it may not always be possible for the UK exporter to obtain a copy of the abovementioned documentation. In such cases, the certifying OV will need to rely on the certification requirements provided by the exporter through their commercial and official contacts in the intermediate country or the USA.

If there is not enough room for all the necessary information relating to the consignment on the 6102EHC, 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.

5. MANUFACTURER DECLARATION

The exporter must supply a declaration 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.

The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2012 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated". Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

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 (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