

EXPORT TO AFGHANISTAN OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, MEAT (INCLUDING POULTRY), MEAT PRODUCTS, MINCED MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS - 5889EHC

Associated Documents: 5889EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5889EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5889EHC. 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 5889EHC is intended for the export of milk and milk products, meat (including poultry), meat products, minced meat and meat preparations to Afghanistan.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an 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-NI).

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 Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA-NI, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

3. HEALTH INFORMATION

- **Paragraph IV.1.** may be certified, in the case of meat of UK origin, on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.
- In the case of meat of EU origin, the oval mark should be supported by commercial documentation from the producing establishment.
- In the case of meat of non-EU origin, the oval marks should be supported by copies of veterinary certification from the country of origin and by a CVED from the border inspection post at which the consignment entered the EU;
- **Paragraphs IV 2. and 3.** may be certified on the basis that these are requirements of the TSE legislation (Regulation (EC) No. 999/2001, as transposed into national legislation), and that the UK competent authorities (Defra, the Devolved Administrations and the Food Standards Agency) ensure compliance with the legislation.

- **Paragraph IV 4.** can be certified 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.

- **Paragraph IV 5.** may be certified on the basis of EU legislation, including for imports, which ensures that animals on holdings on which the diseases are confirmed are not slaughtered for human consumption nor their meat traded.

4. **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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>