

## EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO BOLIVIA

### NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

#### 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 3892EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3892EHC. 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. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

- Import permit from the Bolivian authorities;
- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA;
- A written declaration must be received from the exporter stating that the animal has been resident in Great Britain for the past six months or since birth;
- All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export;
- Animals must be examined by a Official Veterinarian not more than 96 hours prior to export;
- Once the export health certificate has been completed and signed by the Official Veterinarian it must be taken or sent for legalisation to the Legalisation Sections of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Bolivian Embassy in London.

#### 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 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. IMPORT PERMIT

No animal may be imported into Bolivia except in accordance with the terms of an import permit issued by the Veterinary Services Section, Ministerio de Asuntos, Campesinos y Agroperuarios, Piso 4 of 404, Av. Camacho No 1471, La Paz, Bolivia.

#### 4. RABIES VACCINATION

The Department of Agriculture in Bolivia require vaccination not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. A rabies vaccination certificate must be completed by the veterinary surgeon who administers the vaccine. The use of rabies vaccine is not generally permitted in Great Britain but arrangements have been made for it to be made available for animals intended for export.

#### 5. LEGALISATION

Exporters should note that it is their responsibility to arrange for all documents (once completed) to be sent or taken for legalisation to:

The Legalisation Office  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
20, Victoria Street,  
London, SW1H 0NZ.  
Tel: 0171 270 1500  
(Opening hours: 9.30-12.30pm, 1.30-4.00pm Monday to Friday)

and then on to:

The Legalisation Section  
Bolivian Embassy,  
106 Eaton Square,  
London, SW1W 9AD.  
Tel: 0171 235 4255  
(Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 10am - 1pm).

6. TRAVELLING THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES  
The exporter/agent should apply to the relevant authorities of any countries through which the animal(s) will travel for permission to transport the animals through these countries. Additional health certificate(s) may be necessary for these transit countries.
7. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE  
Paragraph IV d) refers. OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify country freedom from rabies provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the issuing office on form EC618.

8. **WELFARE DURING TRAVEL**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - 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>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852.

DAERA Helpline email [daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk)

DAERA Textphone 18001 0300 200 7852

9. **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>