

EXPORT OF MARSUPIALS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO AUSTRALIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8125EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8125EHC. 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

The Export Health Certificate 8125EHC may be used for the export of marsupials from United Kingdom to Australia.

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 Customer Service Centre, 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. CLINICAL EXAMINATION

Paragraph IV (h) refers. The examination must take place within 72 hours of the intended time of export.

5. PREMISES DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph IV(d) refers. The OV should certify this paragraph on the basis of personal knowledge of the premises of origin, supported by laboratory reports, pathological examinations and other records as appropriate. If the OV does not have personal knowledge of the premises he/she must obtain a written support statement from another veterinarian who does have such knowledge.

6. INDIVIDUAL HEALTH RECORDS

Individual health records including details of all vaccinations, tests and treatments performed during the last two years or since birth of the animal, including those required to enable the export must be included and be attached to the veterinary certificate.

7. PARASITE TREATMENT

Paragraph IV(g) refers. The treatments must be licensed in the UK and the dates of treatments must be stated on the export health certificate. If there are no products authorised for the particular species, the OV should follow the cascade principle using other products. The owner should be advised that the use of any product outwith the data sheet could entail a risk of adverse reactions.

8. **EXPORTER'S DECLARATION**

Paragraph IV(c) refers. A signed declaration should be provided to enable certifying this paragraph. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence.

9. **TRANSPORT & WELFARE**

The use of straw and hay as bedding material for animals imported into Australia is not permitted by the Australian authorities, however they do permit treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft board to be used.

The Australian authorities require that the transport containers are covered with sufficient insect netting to cover all containers during flight and the exporter must ensure that the netting is in good condition to minimise the entry of insect vectors into the travel containers.

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 British 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. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

**ENGLAND,
SCOTLAND
AND WALES**

Customer Service Centre, Animal and Plant Health Agency,
Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX.
Tel: 01228 403600/ Fax 01228 59190
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

**NORTHERN
IRELAND**

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural
Affairs, Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section,
Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

10. **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 Customer Service Centre, in Carlisle via the link below:

<https://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 02877442146