

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Notes for guidance for the export of untreated wool and hair referred to in Article 25 (2) (e) of Regulation 142/2011 for import to the European Union (EU)

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NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR THE EXPORTER

1. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1069/2009](#) and [Commission \(EU\) Regulation 142/2011](#) (as amended)

Any other EU legislation referenced in the certificate must be complied with and can be accessed on the following link:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with the relevant export declaration applicable for exports into the EU of untreated wool and hair referred to in Article 25 (e) for import to the European Union in accordance with Regulation 142/2011 EU. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the declaration.

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.

[Please note, policies are being reviewed. NFG will be further amended to provide specific guidance. Traders should look at NFGs regularly for any updates]

2. SCOPE OF THE DECLARATION

This Model , Chapter 21 **declaration** may be used for the export of untreated wool and hair referred to in Article 25 (2) (e) for import to the European Union (EU), in accordance with the relevant requirements described in Regulation 142/2011EU.

Article 25 (2) (e) of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 states that the untreated wool and hair is dry and securely enclosed in packaging, produced from animals other than those of the porcine species, which is intended for dispatch to a plant producing derived products from wool and hair for the textile industry and meets all the following requirements:

- a. It was produced at least 21 days before the date of entry into the Union kept in a third country or region thereof which is:

- i. Listed in Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 and authorised for imports into the Union of fresh meat of ruminants not subject to supplementary guarantees A and F mentioned therein;
 - ii. Free from foot-and-mouth disease, an, in the case of wool and hair from sheep and goats, of sheep pox and goat pox in accordance with the basic general criteria listed in Annex II to Directive 2004/68/EC;
- b. It is accompanied by the Importer's declaration as required in accordance with Chapter 21 of Annex XV of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011;
- c. It was presented by the operator to one of the approved Union border inspection posts listed in Annex I to Decision 2009/821/EC where is passed with satisfactory result the documentary check carried out in accordance with Article 4(3) of Directive 97/78/EC.

Only untreated wool/ hair which is Category 3 material referred to in Article 10(h) and (n) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 may be used.

3. CERTIFICATION BY THE EXPORTER

The exporter must sign the health declaration in ink of any colour other than black.

The exporter should also keep a copy of the signed declaration for his/her own records.

Declarations in foreign language/s of the EU Member States (MSs).

Declarations in the foreign language/s of the EU MS where the Border Inspection Post – BIP (or Border Control Post - BCP) of entry is situated and the EU MS of destination is/are required and this/these must accompany the consignment.

The declaration in the foreign language (as received from the APHA CSC at Carlisle or DAERA and bearing the same unique reference number as the declaration in English) should be considered official and accurate translations of the accompanying declaration in English.

Every word in the foreign language declaration is an accurate translation of the English version. The (sub-) paragraphs / options and how they are numbered and formatted is also identical. Therefore, when the same phrases/sentences in the foreign language versions/s as in the English version is/are struck through, the former can and must be signed (as opposed to being initialled) by the exporter as a genuine and proper authorised translation of the declaration in English.

This also applies to any instructions in the guidance notes to strike out certain paragraphs or to certify statements that the country is free of certain notifiable diseases etc.

The foreign language version/s of the declarations must be attached to the English version so as to create one indivisible single document, by stapling and fan-signing all the different language versions.

The declaration accompanying the consignment will then comprise the original English EHC and any required additional declarations in the foreign language/s. These should be arranged in order with the English version on the top, followed by the foreign language/s version/s, and finally the page(s) of the schedule (if any) at the bottom, all stapled together, then collectively 'fan signed' so that each leaf carries a part of a single stamp/watermark so that removing a page or replacing it would be detectable.

PART I: DETAILS OF THE CONSIGNMENT

Please complete all the boxes in Part I of the certificate.

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics.

It is the exporter's responsibility to ensure that the HS code is entered correctly and accurately reflects the product(s) being consigned.

Further information on HS Codes can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>
<http://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm>

and

PART II: CERTIFICATION

Animal Health Attestation

Starting/source material

The starting material used must be Category 3 material as stated in Point 2 above.

II(a) may be certified on the basis of commercial documentation or commercial statements/declarations from the supplier stating the nature and category of the ABP and that the untreated wool is produced from animals other than those of the porcine species at least 21 days before the date of signing the declarations. The exporter should retain a copy of this declaration for record purposes.

II(b) This paragraph can be certified as the UK is listed in Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, and there are no supplementary guarantees stated in column 5, mentioned therein.

II.(c) This can be certified through procedure detailed at Section 4 (Disease Notification).

4. DISEASE NOTIFICATION

Some export declarations for animals and animal products will include statements that will require that the exporter certify that specified areas or the entire country of origin are free from certain diseases.

To sign the declaration, the UK or region from which the untreated wool and hair originated from must have been free of foot-and-mouth disease and, in the case of wool of hair from sheep and goats, be free of sheep pox and goat pox.

Exporter should initially check the Gov.uk Website link for UK's Notifiable Disease Status of these diseases.

- the Notifiable Disease Occurrence List for Great Britain ([ET171 Notifiable disease occurrence list for Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#)) available on the [Official Veterinarian Training](#).

In addition, the following should be borne in mind:

For Great Britain:

In the event of a disease outbreak: APHA Carlisle will update the website to make it clear which of those disease freedom statements should **not be certified**.

In the absence of a specific disease notification from APHA Carlisle: The exporter may certify that the UK has disease free status or region free status for those diseases mentioned in the declaration.

Additionally the disease status of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be listed on the [WOAH - World Organisation for Animal Health](#) and exporters may also use this as a source to check the disease status of the UK at the time of signing the declaration.

In **Northern Ireland**, Exporters may certify that the UK/NI has disease free status for those diseases mentioned in the declaration if in possession of a valid DAERA Veterinary Support Certificate.

5. CONSIGNMENTS OR PARTS OF THE CONSIGNMENT ORIGINATING FROM EU MEMBER STATE

This section of the guidance applies to exports to the EU and movements from GB to NI but does not apply to movements of retail products to Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS).

An ABP consignment for export from GB can contain animal products that originate from NI, EU and third countries, only if those products have undergone further processing in GB. Processing should be understood in the context of Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 and is different than the definition that applies in the context of products of animal origin for human consumption.

ABP imported into to GB, which is only unloaded, stored, and reloaded, or which is only rewrapped in GB, cannot be re-exported to the EU or moved to NI except under the NIRMS or under the customs transit procedure (see below). Guidance on triangular trade can be found here: [Triangular Trade Briefing Note](#)

To avoid the restriction applicable to triangular trade, businesses can make use of the customs transit procedure for goods from third countries landed in GB, to move through GB, directly to NI. Consignments being moved under the customs transit procedure are not subject to triangular trade rules. Guidance on the transit procedure can be found in the triangular trade briefing note above.

6. UK APPROVED ESTABLISHMENTS TO EXPORT TO THE EU

The exporting establishment must be authorised and listed by the EU as a 'UK approved establishment' for ABP not for human consumption. A list of approved establishments can be found on the European Commission's list of approved establishments' link below:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/international_affairs/trade/non-eu-countries_en [

Please note that the list is updated regularly and ONLY establishments on the list are approved to export to the EU, and does not include establishments with pending applications for approval/registration.

If the final product contains animal products from other establishments, or products were previously processed in different establishments in the production chain, then these establishments should also be listed on the EU website as UK approved establishments.

7. LEGAL STATEMENT

References in this guidance to “assimilated EU Regulation” should be interpreted as references to assimilated law, as defined under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

8. 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 Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) in Carlisle, via the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency>

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Section 5 - CONSIGNMENTS OR PARTS OF THE CONSIGNMENT ORIGINATING FROM, NI, EU MEMBER STATES OR FROM THIRD COUNTRIES (TRIANGULAR TRADE) is amended to align with the [Triangular Trade Briefing Note \(ABP\)](#)

References to Vet Gateway replaced by APHA's Official Veterinarian Training

Legal statement is updated.

