

EXPORT OF FRUIT BATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ISRAEL

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8106EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8106EHC. 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 8106EHC may be used for the export of Fruit Bats from the United Kingdom to Israel.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes, or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the 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 - APHA, Customer Service Centre, Carlisle and in the case of Northern Ireland to the local DAERA office) within seven days of signature.

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

3. IDENTIFICATION

Section I refers. The table must be completed as specified on 8106EHC. It is recommended that each animal is individually identified with an International Standards Organisation (ISO) compliant microchip (transponder), and the site of implantation and the identification number of each animal be recorded on the export health certificate. The identity of the animal should be confirmed by reading the microchip each time a treatment, vaccination or test is performed. The microchip number should be recorded on all test results (if applicable) and treatment records.

4. IMPORT PERMIT

The importation of fruit bats is subject to obtaining an import permit from the Israeli authorities. This permit must accompany the animal.

5. OWNER/EXPORTER'S DECLARATIONS ABOUT RESIDENCY

Paragraph IV a) and b) refer. These paragraphs may be certified provided written declarations have been obtained from the owner/exporter. OVs should retain copies of these declarations for record purposes.

6. **RABIES VACCINATION**

Paragraph IV c) refers. Rabies is a controlled disease in Israel - therefore the fruit bats must be vaccinated.

A vaccine licensed for use in the UK must be used. All fruit bats for export to Israel must be vaccinated according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Primary and booster vaccination dates should be provided.

The vaccination certificate should be attached to the export health certificate.

7. **TREATMENT FOR EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL PARASITES**

Paragraph IV. d) refers. The treatments must be licensed in the UK and the dates of treatments must be stated on the export health certificate.

8. **CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

Paragraph IV e) refers. The clinical examination should be carried out no more than 48 hours prior to export.

9. **C.I.T.E.S**

This certificate does not provide exemption from other legislation laid down for the protection or conservation of certain wild species, e.g. the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.). Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department at the following address:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service
APHA Centre For International Trade (Bristol),
Horizon House Floor 3, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH
Tel: 0117 372 3700
e-mail: wildlife.licencing@apha.gsi.gov.uk

10. **TRANSPORT CRATE**

Paragraph f) refers. The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport for his/her animal(s) meet the standards laid down by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). He/she should ask the transporting airline to confirm this, and if necessary provide a copy of the relevant conditions.

This paragraph may be certified provided a written declaration has been obtained from the owner/exporter. OVs should retain a copy of the owner's declaration for record purposes.

11. **WELFARE**

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, Customer Service Centre, Animal and Plant Health Agency,
Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle,
SCOTLAND CA3 8DX,
AND WALES Tel: 03000 200 301
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

NORTHERN Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural
IRELAND Affairs, Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House,
Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 0300 2007840
E-mail: daerahelp@daera-ni.gov.uk

12. **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#specialist-service-centres-ssc>

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk. Phone: 02877 442146