

EXPORT OF SEA LIONS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND THE EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8142EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8142EHC. 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

Export health certificate 8142EHC must be used for the export of sea lions from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China.

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, or an OV of, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland (DAERA).

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

In GB a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of signing. In the case an AVI in Northern Ireland, a certified copy must be sent to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

3. CLINICAL EXAMINATION

Paragraph IV(a) refers. The OV should carry out the clinical examination of the animals to be exported no more than 72 hours prior to export.

4. PARASITE TREATMENT

Paragraph IV(d) refers. Ideally the OV must use products with a product authorisation for use in the United Kingdom. If there are no products authorised for the particular species, then the OV should follow the cascade principle in using other products. The owner should be advised that the use of any product outwith the data sheet can entail a risk of adverse reactions.

5. OWNER'S DECLARATION

Paragraph IV(b) and (e) refer. The owner's declaration should be retained by the OV for record purposes. If the OV has any reason to doubt the validity of the declaration, Animal Health, Specialist Service Centre, Carlisle should be consulted.

6. 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 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>

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

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7. **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>

In Northern Ireland the exporter should contact DAERA at: DAERA, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. BT4 3SB.
Telephone: 0289 052 4580.