

EXPORT OF REPTILES 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 8137EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8137EHC. 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 8137EHC may be used for the export of reptiles 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, 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. IDENTIFICATION

Paragraph I refers. Each animal must be individually identified with an International Standards Organisation (ISO) compliant microchip (transponder), and the site of implantation and the identification number of each animal must be recorded on the export health certificate. The identity of the animal must be confirmed by reading the microchip each time a treatment, vaccination or test is performed. The microchip number must be recorded on all test results (if applicable) and treatment records.

4. RESIDENCY AND PREMISES DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraphs IV a), b), c), d) and e) refer. These paragraphs may be certified on the basis of the OV's awareness of the controls in place at the zoo. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection of the animal(s) for export and examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements and valid declarations. If necessary the OV must obtain a written assurance from the owner/exporter in order to support certification of these paragraphs. The declarations should not be attached to the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record purposes.

5. Treatments and Vaccinations

Paragraph IV f) refer. The treatments used must be licensed in the UK and the date of treatment must be stated on the export health certificate. Treatments should be carried out as detailed on the export health certificate.

6. **Clinical examination**

Paragraph IV g) refers. The examination should be carried out by an official veterinarian, or a veterinarian recognised by the official veterinarian as having expertise in the diagnosis of disease in reptiles. This shall consist of visual inspection, supported as necessary by clinical examination, laboratory reports, and pathological examination of any animals in contact with the animals for export. The examination must be carried out no more than 72 hours prior to export.

7. **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, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH
Tel: 0117 372 3700 / Fax: 028 415 2510
e-mail: wildlife.licensing@apha.gov.uk

8. **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, CA3 8DX

SCOTLAND Tel: 03000 200 301

AND WALES E-mail: SSC.Carlisle@apha.gov.uk

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

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