

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

In relation to 8164EHC titled:  
**EXPORT TO SUDAN OF ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS**

**Associated Documents:** 8164EHC.

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but always in conjunction with certificate 8164EHC. 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**

This certificate may be used for export of feed, feed additives and other animal feedingstuffs to Sudan.

**2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian authorised on behalf of 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 holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation, or who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Specialist Service Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or to DAERA, within seven days of issue.

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

**3. Paragraph II(a) - Official control number**

Establishments producing animal feedingstuffs in the UK and EU must be either approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. In England, this is enforced by the Animal Feed (Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2015 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;

The approval or registration number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval or registration document or by reference to the local authority responsible for the manufacturing establishment.

For manufacturing establishments located outside the UK and the EU, the approval number may be obtained from sight of the documents accompanying the product into the UK.

**4. Paragraph IV - Health information**

Paragraph IV may be certified on the basis of the following specific guidance in conjunction with the RCVS Principles of Certification. OVs should develop due familiarity with the sourcing, procurement, segregation, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the establishment. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection and by examination of relevant documentation or other records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements, laboratory analysis and valid declarations.

- (a) **Paragraphs IV 1(a) and 1(b) - Notifiable disease clearance**  
 These paragraphs may be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Specialist Service Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or the issuing DAERA office in Northern Ireland.
- (b) **Paragraph IV 2(a) - Free sale in United Kingdom**  
 This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the manufacturing establishment is registered or approved as described in **paragraph 3** above.
- (c) **Paragraph IV 2(b) - Site of manufacture and HACCP principles**  
 This paragraph may be certified on the basis of appropriate documentary checks confirming the details of the manufacturer and that the manufacturer is registered or approved as described under **paragraph 3** above.
- (d) **Paragraph IV 3 - Approved suppliers and undesirable substances**  
 Compliance with this paragraph may be supported on the basis:
- (i) that the suppliers of raw materials/ingredients to the manufacture identified at paragraph II(a) are:
- either**
- registered or approved as described under **paragraph 3** above;
- or**
- accredited or certified under an industry feed assurance scheme. Examples of such schemes include the Feed Materials Assurance Scheme (FEMAS), the Universal Feed Assurance Scheme (UFAS) and the Quality and Safety System for Speciality Feed Ingredients (FAMI-QS). Accreditation or certification under one of these or similar schemes may be verified on sight of appropriate accreditation or certification document or, in some cases, by reference to the scheme operator's website.
- (ii) of laboratory test results or other confirmatory documentation from the suppliers of the raw materials/ingredients used in the manufacture of the products being certified.
- (e) **Paragraph IV 4 - On site material of animal origin**  
 This may be certified on the basis of the certifying OV's familiarity and knowledge of the manufacturing establishment identified at paragraph II(a). This may be supported, particularly in the case of manufacturing located outside the UK, by appropriate declarations documentation.

5. **SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS**

Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and/or declared intended use. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

6. **DISCLAIMER**

This certificate and these notes are 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 Centre for International Trade (CIT) - Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team:

- e-mail - [tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk)
- Phone - 02877442146