

## EXPORT OF CATS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO SRI LANKA

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

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6642EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6642EHC. 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 6642EHC may be used for the export of cats from United Kingdom to Sri Lanka

**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) 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. IMPORT PERMIT**

All exporters who are exporting a pet animal (Dog & Cat) should obtain Import Control License (ICL) from Controller General (Tel: 011 2324386) of the department of Import and Export Control ( Tel:011 2326774 ; Fax:011 2328486; Email: [deptimpt@slt.net.lk](mailto:deptimpt@slt.net.lk); web: [www.imexport.gov.lk](http://www.imexport.gov.lk))

The import permit must accompany the animal to its final destination.

**4. 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.

**5. Clinical examination**

Paragraph IV (a) refers. The examination should 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.

**5. DECLARATION**

Paragraph IV (b) refers. This paragraph may be certified provided a written declaration has been obtained from the owner/agent of the owner in accordance with the model provided at Annex A. OVs should retain a copy of the declaration for record purposes.

6. **Blood Tests**

Paragraph IV (e) refers. A blood sample must be taken from the cat within 30 days of export and submitted for testing at a government/government-approved lab (currently Animal and Plant Health Agency laboratory, Weybridge) where the sample must be tested for Heartworm testing (*Dirofilaria immitis*) and subjected to either an \*Antigen ELISA or \*the microfilaria filtration test for *Dirofilaria immitis* (Heartworm), with a negative result.

All testing must be carried out as specified in the certificate at an official laboratory - currently Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Weybridge. The exporter and OV are strongly advised to contact the laboratory well in advance of export to confirm sample requirements and any specific instructions on laboratory submission.

NOTE: It is recommended that all samples for testing are submitted as early as possible in the permitted pre-export period to allow for re-sampling and re-testing which is sometimes necessary.

7. **Vaccinations**

Paragraph IV (d) and (e) 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.

8. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV (f) on behalf of the Department provided that written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency - Customer Service Centre (APHA - CSC) in Carlisle or DAERA in Belfast on form 618NDC.

9. **TREATMENT**

Paragraphs IV (g) and (h) refer. The cat was treated against internal parasites with broad spectrum antihelminthics effective against internal helminths of cats and was also treated with a licensed product (parasiticide) effective against external parasites, both treatments being within 7 days of export.

10. **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 / Fax 0208 0260 498/  
E-mail: [CentralOps.Carlisle@apha.gov.uk](mailto:CentralOps.Carlisle@apha.gov.uk)

**NORTHERN** Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural  
**IRELAND** Affairs, Northern Ireland,

Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper  
Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB  
Tel: 0300 2007840  
E-mail: [daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk)

11. **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](mailto:tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk). Phone: 02877 442146

**DECLARATION BY OWNER**

I, .....(name in block letters)  
 declare that:

1. I am the owner of the cat described below:

Identification and any distinguishing marks including tattoo/microchip	Breed	Sex	Age/Date of birth

2. The animal described in 1. above has been continuously resident in The United Kingdom for the period from ..... to .....

NOTE: This period must at least cover the whole of the 6 months period immediately prior to export.

3. During the 3 months immediately prior to export the animal described in paragraph 1. above has not been in contact with any animals showing clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease including one of the following:

- Aujeszky's disease**
- filariasis**
- leptospirosis**
- rabies**

Signature of owner.....

Name in capitals.....

Address.....  
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Date.....