

EXPORT OF ZOO CAPTIVE FELIDAE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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 8087EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8087EHC. 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 8087EHC may be used for the export of zoo captive felidae from the United Kingdom to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) 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 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 health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK** - each page should also be signed, dated and stamped, together with all associated documentation (e.g. laboratory reports, if applicable).

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office, in GB - Animal and Plant Health Agency - Customer Service Centre (APHA-CSC) in Carlisle and in the case of Northern Ireland to the local DAERA office within seven days of signing.

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

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

The import permit should be obtained by the exporter, or importer on their behalf, from the Iranian Veterinary Organisation, Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture, Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran e-mail address - int.affairs@ivo.ir , prior to export. It is the responsibility of the exporter to make sure that the import requirements are met. If the import requirements do not match the current conditions in the agreed Export Health Certificate it is the exporter's responsibility to inform Defra (UK Competent Authority) and to allow for a sufficient time period for discussions and negotiations between the Government Authorities in the importing and exporting countries prior to the proposed export of the animal(s).

4. **IDENTIFICATION**

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.

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraphs IV. (a) and (b) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Carlisle, on form 618NDC.

6. **BIRTH AND RESIDENCE STATEMENT**

Paragraphs IV (c) and (e) refer. The OV should confirm the details in this statement be reference to the zoo of origin's breeding and movement records. If the animals have also resided at other premises it may be necessary to obtain support statements from the responsible veterinarian(s) at those premises.

7. **EMPLOYMENT OF A REGISTERED VETERINARIAN**

Paragraph IV (d) refers. The Authorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran require the owner/exporter to provide evidence that the exporting zoo employs the services of a registered veterinarian (ie an F/MRCVS) and whose responsibilities include ensuring that the animals for export are subject to daily close observation. In other words the zoo must employ the services of a vet but the vet does not have to be fully employed by the zoo.

The reference to veterinary supervision will be satisfied if the premises have been licensed under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981. Under this Act the zoological garden must hold a licence from the Local Authority. As one of the conditions of the licence, the zoo must be regularly inspected by a veterinary surgeon whose name appears on a list of approved inspectors, held by the Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

8. **PREMISES DISEASE MONITORING AND CLEARANCE**

Paragraphs IV. (f), (g), (h), (i) (j) and (k) refer.

Clearance for the diseases mentioned in these paragraphs in the certificate can be made on the basis of personal knowledge and/or reference to records from the premises, or on the basis of certification from another veterinarian.

9. **PRE-EXPORT QUARANTINE AND TESTING**

Paragraph IV. (p) refers. During the pre-export isolation (PEI) period the testing as set out in the 8087EHC should be carried out.

Paragraph IV. (o) refers. During the pre-export isolation period the animals intended for export should be isolated away from those not of the same health status. If the OV cannot confirm this through personal knowledge then he/she should obtain a declaration from the owner/exporter that confirms that this PEI requirement was met.

Paragraph IV. (n) refers. During the PEI the animal for export must not be fed any meat of avian origin. If the OV cannot confirm this through personal knowledge of the animal then a declaration from the owner/exporter must be obtained.

10. **VACCINATIONS**

Paragraph IV. (q) refers. The rabies vaccine name and manufacturer should be recorded on the certificate. The vaccination dates should also be recorded on paragraph IV. (q) of the certificate. The dates the vaccination was administered should not have been less than 6 months and no more than 12 months prior to export for primary vaccination and no more than 12 months for a booster.

11. **PARASITE TREATMENT**

Paragraphs IV. (r)(i) and (ii) refer. The parasite treatment(s) for external and internal parasites should be recorded on the Export Health Certificate.

12. **OWNER/EXPORTER WRITTEN DECLARATION**

Paragraphs IV. (t), (u) and (v) refer. The written declarations should not be attached to the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record purposes.

The owner/exporter should be able to provide records to support the written declarations provided to the OV.

The OV can request any declaration from the owner/exporter that he/she considers necessary in order to enable him/her to endorse statements that he/she does not have personal knowledge of relating to this export.

The owner/exporter should provide the OV with any records requested in order to support the requirements of this export.

13. **TRANSPORT**

Animal(s) intended for export must be consigned directly to the Islamic Republic of Iran. During transport to the port of export, during shipment and during transport from the port of importation to the post-arrival quarantine facility the animal(s) must have no contact with animals that are not of the same consignment.

14. **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 Customer Service Centre (Bristol),
Floor 3, Horizon House Floor, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH
Tel: 0117 372 3700
e-mail: wildlife.licencing@apha.gsi.gov.uk

15. **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.

If necessary further information on OIE and IATA transport recommendations may be obtained from the following offices;

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Customer Service Centre Carlisle, Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland
(DAERA) Northern Ireland, Dundonald
House, Upper Newtownards Road,
Ballymiscaw , Belfast, BT4 3SB. DAERA
Helpline number 0300 2007840.
DAERA Helpline email
daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk

15. **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 02877442146