

**EXPORT TO AUSTRALIA OF HEAT TREATED EGG PRODUCTS WITH LESS THAN 10% DAIRY FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION - 8126EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8126EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8126EHC. 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 is for the export of heat treated egg products of the domestic fowl species (*Gallus gallus*) with less than 10% dairy content (by dry weight) for human consumption to Australia.

2. **Official Signature**

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

**Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland**

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: [certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk](mailto:certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk).

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

**DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies**

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the department, where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period

of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

3. **Means of Transportation**

Paragraph III (c) refers. This should state 'air' or 'sea' as appropriate, and provide the flight number or ship name.

4. **Import Permit**

**It is the responsibility of the importer/exporter to obtain an import permit from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in advance of the product being exported.**

The certificate (8126EHC) and the original import permit (where applicable) must accompany the consignment to Australia. Both documents must be made available to an inspecting veterinarian.

5. **Health information**

To certify Paragraph IV (a), (b), (c) and (d) the OV should have knowledge of the production process and access to relevant documents from the manufacturer.

The time and temperature figures in Paragraph IV (a) must be completed to reflect the requirements of the import permit, with respect to the minimum values allowable.

Paragraph IV (e) may be completed to accurately reflect any additional requirements as stated in the import permit. Any unused spaces should be struck through and initialled. The OV must ensure that they can accurately certify any extra assurances and have sufficient evidence to do so, following the RCVS 10 Principles of certification. Any queries regarding this can be directed to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

If there is not enough room for all the necessary information relating to the consignment on the certificate, please continue on additional sheets. In such cases, the paragraphs in question should then be

annotated "Continued on the attached additional schedule(s)". Each page of the additional schedule should bear a page number and the health certificate number, and must be stamped, signed and dated.

The schedule(s) must be stapled with the certificate and the certifying official should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule(s) and certificate. One corner of the schedule(s) and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any unused/blank spaces at these paragraphs and/or on the schedules should be deleted with diagonal lines.

6. **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 Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

DAERA - Email: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)