

PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION EXPORTED TO NEW CALEDONIA
ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR FRESH MEAT OF DOMESTIC BEEF CATTLE

COMBINED HEALTH CERTIFICATE - 8522EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8522EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8522EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Health certificate 8522EHC may be used for the export of fresh meat (chilled or frozen) and meat products derived from domestic beef cattle (*Bos taurus*, *Bos indicus*, *Bubalus bubalis*, *Bison bison* and cross breeds) from the UK to New Caledonia.

The full list of countries from which meat may be exported to New Caledonia and any conditions applying is at **Annex 1** to these notes.

NOTE: OVs are advised that the country of origin of the exported meat should be limited to the United Kingdom and/or the Republic of Ireland. Accurate certification of certain paragraphs of 8522EHC may not be straightforward in the case of meat originating from countries other than the UK/ROI

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

In Great Britain, this certificate may be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an authorised Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed to the appropriate panel for export purposes by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, and holding the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

In Northern Ireland, this certificate may be signed by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in ink of any colour other than black.

In GB, a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade at Carlisle within seven days of signing.

The OV should keep a copy for their own records.

3. FORMAT OF 8522EHC

In accordance with the model veterinary certificate received from the veterinary authorities of New Caledonia, certificate 8522EHC is in two parts. Part 1 relates to export of products for human consumption and Part 2 specifically to export of fresh meat derived from domestic beef cattle.

Certifying OVS must separately sign, date and stamp each part, also ensuring that the same certificate reference number is entered as indicated into the top right hand box of Part 2 of the certificate (top of page 3).

4. OBTAINING AN IMPORT PERMIT

The exporter/agent should be aware of the requirements of the importing country particularly with respect to the requirement for an import permit.

5. SCHEDULES

Section 9 of Part 1 of 8522EHC refers. A separate schedule may be used to identify the commodities certified. The schedule must contain the same information in the same order as in this section and the section must be annotated 'See attached schedule'. Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the OV.

The schedule must be stapled to the health certificate and the OV should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or certificate must be deleted with diagonal lines.

6. COMPLIANCE WITH UK HYGIENE REGULATIONS/FITNESS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Paragraphs A, B, C and D of Part 1 and paragraphs C and F of Part 2 of 8522EHC may be certified on the basis of evidence that all establishments in the supply chain for the meat and/or meat product intended for export - slaughterhouse, cutting plant, meat products plant (if applicable) and cold store - are/were operating in accordance with food hygiene legislation currently in force in the European Union and the UK.

Accordingly, meat/product intended for export must bear the oval mark confirming compliance with the General Food Law Regulation (EC) 178/2002 together with Regulations (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004, 2017/625 and 2073/2005 (The EU Hygiene Regulations), as transposed into UK law.

The primary food legislation providing the framework for all food legislation in England, Wales and Scotland is The Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended) and, in Northern Ireland, The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

Enforcement of the General Food Law Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and implementation and enforcement of the EU Hygiene Regulations is provided through secondary legislation in England by The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended) and parallel legislation in Wales and Scotland. In Northern Ireland it is provided by The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006. Food hygiene legislation is implemented and enforced by the Food

Standards Agency (FSA)/Food Standards Scotland (FSS). Their Manuals for Official Controls detail the requirements.

Paragraph D of Part 1 of 8522EHC may be certified on the basis of compliance with the TSE legislation (Regulation (EC) No 999/2001), which is enforced in the UK through The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2018 and parallel legislation in the devolved administrations.

The UK competent authorities (Defra, the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland) ensure compliance with the legislation.

7. 'APPENDIX VIII-2 OF THE PRESENT DECREE'

Paragraphs A, D(a) and D(b) of Part 2 of 8522EHC refer. The above term refers to domestic legislation currently in force in New Caledonia.

The wording of 'Appendix VIII-2 of the present decree' is at **Annex 1** to these notes. The Appendix lists all the countries from which bovine meat may be exported to New Caledonia, together with any conditions or restrictions that may apply.

8. ORIGIN AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS

Paragraph D of Part 2 of 8522EHC refers. The certifying OV must carry out the necessary checks to verify origin and transport conditions of the cattle from which the meat intended for export is derived.

This may be on the basis of their knowledge of the operational conditions at the slaughterhouse as regards the farms of origin of the animals from which the exported meat is derived and the checking and verification of documentation accompanying the cattle to the slaughterhouse.

9. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

In the case of animals originating from the UK only, OVs may certify paragraphs D(c), D(d) and E(1) of Part 2 of 8522EHC on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA CSC at Carlisle or via disease clearance procedures in DAERA.

10. ANTHRAX VACCINATION

Certifying OVs should make appropriate enquiries regarding the anthrax vaccination status of the cattle from which the exported meat is derived.

11. CATTLE NOT ORIGINATING FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM/ROI

OVs are advised that carrying out the checks referred to in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 above may not be a straightforward matter if animals from which the meat is derived were not born and raised in the UK and remained in the UK or the ROI until slaughter.

In the case of export of meat derived from cattle originating from the ROI, additional national disease clearances will be required from the Irish veterinary authority - the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) - in order to certify the relevant paragraphs of 8522EHC.

OVs are advised not to certify these conditions unless they are in full possession of all the relevant details and are confident to do so.

12. **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 CSC at Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

or, in the case of export from Northern Ireland, from the DAERA Trade Administration Team for meat and dairy exports by e-mail at: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk or by telephone 028 77442 060.

APPENDIX VIII-1 / ANNEXE VIII-1 : European Union country list / Pays membres de l'Union Européenne

European Union is comprised of / L'Union Européenne comprend les états suivant:

Germany / Allemagne
Austria / Autriche
Belgium / Belgique
Bulgaria / Bulgarie
Cyprus / Chypre
Croatia / Croatie
Denmark / Danemark
Spain / Espagne
Estonia / Estonie
Finland / Finlande
France / France
Greece/ Grèce
Hungary/ Hongrie
Ireland / Irlande
Italy / Italie
Latvia / Lettonie
Lithuania / Lituanie
Luxembourg / Luxembourg
Malta / Malte
Netherlands / Pays Bas
Poland / Pologne
Portugal / Portugal
Czech Republic / République Tchèque
Romania / Roumanie
United Kingdom / Royaume Uni
Slovakia / Slovaquie
Slovenia / Slovénie
Sweden / Suède

APPENDIX VIII-2 / ANNEXE VIII-2 : Countries and zones likely to export <i>fresh meat</i> of domestic beef cattle (<i>Bos taurus</i>, <i>Bos indicus</i>) and <i>meat products</i> of domestic beef cattle for human consumption to New Caledonia / Pays et zones susceptibles d'exporter des viandes fraîches de bovins domestiques (<i>Bos taurus</i>, <i>Bos indicus</i>) et des produits à base de viandes de bovins domestiques destinés à la consommation humaine, vers la Nouvelle-Calédonie			
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Country / Pays	Zone	Ban periods relating to foot-and-mouth disease, Rift Valley fever and rinderpest / Périodes d'interdiction relatives à la fièvre aphteuse, à la fièvre de la vallée du Rift, à la peste bovine	Other restrictions / Autres restrictions
Argentina / Argentine	Whole country / L'ensemble du pays		1
Australia / Australie	Whole country / L'ensemble du pays		
Norway / Norvège	Whole country / L'ensemble du pays		
New Zealand / Nouvelle-Zélande	Whole Country / L'ensemble du pays		
European Union / Union Européenne	All countries / L'ensemble des pays		
Vanuatu	Whole country / L'ensemble du pays		2

Restrictions

1 : Are only authorised for export to New Caledonia establishments authorized to export to European Union / Seuls sont autorisés à l'exportation vers la Nouvelle Calédonie, les établissements agréés à exporter vers l'Union Européenne.

2 : Are only authorised for export to New Caledonia fresh meat from / Seuls sont autorisés à l'exportation vers la Nouvelle-Calédonie les viandes fraîches issues de l'établissement : Vanuatu Abattoirs Limited, PO BOX 47, Port Villa, Vanuatu.