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EXPORT OF ANIMAL FEED CONTAINING MILK PRODUCTS WITH OR WITHOUT FISHERY
PRODUCTS TO VIETNAM - 7829EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 7829EHC

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 7829EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7829EHC. 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

Export health certificate 7829EHC may be used for the export to Vietnam of animal feeds containing dairy products or animal feeds containing both dairy products and fishery products (including fishmeal).

Dairy products and fishery products are the only ingredients of animal origin which can be used in the exported products.

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 holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation, or who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes.

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

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

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

3. II(b) - Approval Number

Establishments producing animal feeds containing ingredients of animal origin may be approved or registered as follows:

Either

- (a) approval or registration in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (Animal by-products Regulation) (as amended). In England, this is enforced by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Certifying OV's are advised that, in accordance with Articles 54 and 55 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009, references to Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 shall be construed as references to Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and that establishments, plants and users approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 before 4 March 2011 shall be deemed to be approved or registered, as required, in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

Or

- (b) approval or registration in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1831/2003 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 responsible local APHA office or local authority.

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. OV's 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) **Paragraph IV(a)2 - Milk collected from health animals**

This may be certified on the basis that the milk used was milk referred to in Article 10(e) (other than centrifuge or separator sludge) or milk referred to in Article 10(f) and 10(h) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 (as amended).

- (b) **Paragraphs IV(a)2.1 and 2.2 - Processing of dairy ingredients**

One of the options **IV(a)2.1** or **IV(a)2.2** must be certified in all cases to reflect the milk used in the consignment and the treatment to which it was subjected.

If paragraph **IV(a)2.1** is being certified then paragraph **IV(a)2.2** must be deleted in its entirety.

If paragraph **IV(a)2.2** is being certified then one of the options **i**, or **ii** or **iii** must be certified to indicate the second treatment applied to the milk. Paragraph **IV(a)2.1** must be deleted.

Any options which are not being certified should be struck through and the deletions signed and stamped in the usual manner.

- (c) **Paragraphs IV(a)3 - Presence or absence of fishery products**

One of the options **IV(a)3.1** or **IV(a)3.2** must be certified in all cases to reflect the absence or presence of fishery products in the consignment.

If paragraph **IV(a)3.1** is being certified then paragraph **IV(a)3.2** must be deleted in its entirety.

If paragraph **IV(a)3.2** is being certified then paragraph IV(a)3.1 must be deleted. Paragraph **IV(a)3.2 i** may be certified on the basis that the fishery products were sourced from Category 3 material described in Article 10(i) and 10(j) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 (as amended). Paragraph **IV(a)3.2 ii** must be completed with the key parameters of the heat treatment step designed to inactivate pathogenic organisms. The exporter may need to verify, via their commercial contacts, that the key parameters are acceptable to the competent authority in the importing country.

Any options which are not being certified should be struck through and the deletions signed and stamped in the usual manner.

(d) **Paragraphs IV(a)4 - Compliance with UK standards**

This may be certified on the basis that the manufacturing establishment is approved or registered as described in **paragraph 3 above** and has been operating within the terms of that approval or registration.

(e) **Paragraphs IV(a)5 - Intended use**

The certifying OV should make due enquiry to verify the intended use of the product. This may be supported by reference to relevant marketing literature and usage instructions.

(f) **Paragraph IV(b) - No other ingredients of animal origin**

This paragraph requires that the only ingredients of animal origin present in the product are either dairy products or dairy products and fishery products.

This may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the product, supported by information from the manufacturer.

4. **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.

5. **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 (CIT) - Exports in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

In Northern Ireland, contact the DARD trade administration team:
e-mail- tradeadminpost@dardni.gov.uk
Phone - 0289 0520989