

EXPORT OF FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS TO MAURITIUS - 8523EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL INSPECTOR

Associated Documents: 8523EHC

I. IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Inspector (OV/EHO) and exporter.

The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8523EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8523EHC. 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.

II. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 8523EHC may be used for the export of Fish and Fishery Products from the United Kingdom to Mauritius.

III. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL INSPECTOR (OI)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Inspector (namely, an Environmental Health Officer, a Food Safety Officer or an Official Veterinarian (OV)\*.

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\* An Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate export panel for export purposes appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland.

If to be certified by an OV, the OV must be appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ (V)) authorisation, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA NI), or by.

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle within seven days of signing.

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

In NI, as certification is provided by Government veterinarians and copies of certificates are stored on the official database (HPRM), this is not required.

IV. COMPLETING THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

**3. Competent Authority:**

This should be should be completed with "DEFRA".

**4. Local Competent Authority:**

The certifying OV should enter the name of the local office of APHA responsible for the exporting establishment. Where the

exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

**6. Country of origin:**

The country of origin of raw material should be entered.

**Country of origin ISO code:**

The country of origin ISO code should be entered.

Information on ISO codes can be found online at the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/iso-country-codes--2>

**7. Country of dispatch:**

This should be completed with "United Kingdom"

**Country of dispatch ISO code:**

This should be completed with "GB".

**9. Place of loading:**

The place of loading or the port of embarkation should be entered.

**10. Means of transport:**

The means of transport i.e. airplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated.

The option 'Other' is not applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected.

The flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as the means of identification, as appropriate.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

**11. Point of entry:**

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the destination country and this should be entered.

**12. Conditions for transport/storage:**

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature is ambient, chilled or frozen.

**13. Identification of container(s)/Seal number(s)**

The seal and/or container number of consignment should be entered.

**Identification of food products**

**15. Name, address and approval number of the producer/manufacturer establishment**

Establishments must be approved in accordance with the EU Hygiene package which includes Regulations (EC) 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs, 853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin and 854/2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption. In England, the EU Hygiene package is implemented and enforced by the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 (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 document or by reference to the responsible local APHA or DAERA office.

- 17. General Description of the product/Common Name of Species** - The description of the product *i.e. live, frozen, smoked, in brine, etc.* should be entered, as well as the common name - e.g. *mackerel, cod, etc.*
- Scientific name of species** - The scientific name of the species should be entered.
- Lot or production date** - The lot or production date should be entered.
- Type of packaging** - The type of packaging should be entered.
- Number of packages** - The number of packages should be entered.
- Net weight (Kg)** - the total net weights in KG should be entered.

#### **HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 18.a. This paragraph may be certified based on a declaration received from the food business operator.
- 18.b. The legal name of the Food Business Operator (FBO) and its approval number should be entered.
- 18.c. This paragraph may be certified based on current approval by the relevant competent authority (FSA / FSS).
- 18.d. This paragraph may be certified based on declarations and test results relating to the consignment produced by the Food Business Operator.
- 18.e-g. This paragraph may be certified based on the declaration and valid test results presented by the Food Business Operator.
- 18.h-j. This paragraph may be certified based on the outcome of the visual inspection by the certifying officer as well as based on a declaration received from the Food Business Operator that the goods comply with the relevant requirements of Annex III Section VIII to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- 18.k. This paragraph may be certified based on the outcome of the inspection of the certifying officer. Wrapping and packaging of fishery products must be in compliance with Annex III Section VIII Chapter VI to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- 18.l. This paragraph may be certified if the transport of the goods comply with Annex III Section VIII Chapter VIII to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- 18.m. This paragraph may be certified if the bivalve molluscs were harvested from production areas classified in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 854/2004.
- 18.n-o. This paragraph may be certified upon successful inspection of relevant temperature records.
- 18.p-q. This paragraph may be certified based on the declaration of the Food Business Operator.

- 18.r. This paragraph may be certified based on the inspection and personal knowledge of the certifying officer as well as relevant declarations received from the Food Business Operator.
- 18.s. This paragraph may be certified based on inspection of temperature records and declaration by the Food Business Operator and/or the exporter.
- 18.t. This paragraph may be certified based on the outcome of the inspection and personal knowledge of the certifying officer, as well as relevant documentation/declaration provided by the exporter.
- 18.u. This paragraph may be certified based on relevant temperature records and the declaration received by the Food Business Operator and/or the exporter.

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 APHA, Carlisle - the Centre for International Trade (CIT), via the link below:

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