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NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

In relation to 8550EHC titled:
EXPORT OF ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS CONTAINING MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS TO SAUDI ARABIA

Associated Documents: 8154EHC

1. IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but always in conjunction with certificate 8550EHC.
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 may be used for the export of animal feedingstuffs containing milk or milk products as the only ingredient of animal origin to **Saudi Arabia.**

2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian authorised on behalf of 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.

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

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

3. Paragraph II(a) – Official control number

Establishments producing feed additives or other animal feedingstuffs from processed ingredients of animal origin require approval or registration in accordance with the Animal Feed (Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2015 (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These statutory instruments currently enforce the principles and controls laid down under Regulation (EC) 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene.

Alternatively, establishments processing ingredients of animal origin which are not intended for human consumption must be approved in accordance with the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These statutory instruments currently enforce the principles and controls laid down under Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended).

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

The approval or registration number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval or registration document or by reference to the local authority responsible for the manufacturing establishment.

4. Paragraph IV – Health information

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of the following specific guidance in conjunction with the RCVS Principles of Certification. OVs 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)(i) – Supervision by competent authority**

This clause may be certified on the basis of the establishment's approval or registration as described at paragraph 3 above.

(b) **Paragraph IV(a)(i) – Not under official disease restrictions**

This clause may be certified on the basis that the manufacturing establishment and the products it produces were not under official restrictions due to a notifiable animal disease during the time the products were manufactured. This may be supported by the fact that the products are in free circulation or by reference to the local APHA or DAERA office responsible for the establishment.

(b) **Paragraph IV(a)(ii) – Compliance with undesirable substances legislation**

The presence of undesirable substances in feedingstuffs is controlled by Animal Feed (Composition, Marketing and Use) (England) Regulations 2015 (as amended) or by parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These statutory instruments currently implement and enforce the principles and controls laid down under Council Directive 2002/32/EC of 7 May 2002 (as amended), which sets maximum permitted levels (MPLs) for these substances.

This UK legislation makes it an offence for any person to use or place on the market any feedingstuffs that contain an undesirable substance at a level above the relevant MPL.

This paragraph may therefore be certified on the basis that the animal feedingstuffs in the consignment are eligible for placing on the market and use within the UK.

(c) **Paragraph IV(b) – Absence of high risk animal by-products**

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the ingredients of animal origin used in the manufacture of the product were Category 3 material or were derived from Category 3 material, as defined under Article 10 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended).

(d) **Paragraph IV(c) – Absence of processed animal proteins**
This may be certified on the basis that the only ingredients of animal origin in the products are milk and milk products.

(e) **Paragraph IV(d) – Notifiable status of BSE**
This paragraph may be certified as written on the basis of the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies laid down under the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2018 (as amended) and parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These statutory instruments currently enforce the principles and controls laid down under Regulation (EC) 999/2001 (as amended).

5. 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.

6. **DISCLAIMER**
This certificate and these notes are 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) – Carlisle, via the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#specialist-service-centres-ssc

In Northern Ireland, please contact the DAERA trade administration team:

- e-mail - tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk
- Phone - 02877442146