

EXPORT OF EGGS/EGG PRODUCTS TO TAIWAN - 8112EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS: 8112EHC and 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8112EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8112EHC. 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

Export health certificate 8112EHC may be used for the export of certain egg products to Taiwan. Currently, Taiwan will not allow import from the UK of whole eggs or a range of egg products, pending review of the UK systems. TFDA maintains an up-to-date list for [export requirements](https://www.fda.gov.tw/tc/includes/GetFile.ashx?id=f636936901885662149) at <https://www.fda.gov.tw/tc/includes/GetFile.ashx?id=f636936901885662149>. Note that systems inspection is required for commodities under **B01** controls, so it is not currently possible to export those commodities from UK to Taiwan.

The allowed products are summarised in the below table, with reference to the HS Code. Further details on the Harmonised System Code can be seen at <https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/sections>

Allowed when accompanied by 8112EHC:

HS Code	Description
04 08 11	Egg yolk powder
04 08 19	Egg yolk other - excluding frozen egg yolks
04 08 91	Whole egg powder
35 02 11	Dried egg albumin
35 02 19	Egg albumin other - excluding frozen egg whites

Not currently allowed:

HS Code	Description
04 07	Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked
04 08 19	Frozen egg yolks
04 08 91	Birds' eggs, not in shell, dried other than powder
04 08 99	Birds' eggs, not in shell, other than dried
35 02 19	Frozen egg whites

All imports of eggs and egg products into Taiwan must be accompanied by an official export health certificate. If the egg ingredient is not listed in the above table you can contact APHA's Centre for International Trade in Carlisle for advice.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government - Rural Affairs 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 in Northern Ireland an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by, or an OV of, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

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 issuing

office (in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) within seven days of signing, or in the case of Northern Ireland, to DAERA, Dundonald House, Belfast.

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

3. **ORIGINAL AND COPY: COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATES**

OVs should note that the certificates issued to them have been printed with **ORIGINAL** or **COPY** on the top of the first page. One original certificate and one signed copy bearing the same serial number must be issued for each consignment.

In GB, a certified copy of both the 'original' and 'copy' certificates must be returned to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle on the day of issue.

4. **SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**

In situations where the flock of origin is attended by a different veterinarian from the certifying OV, the latter may complete the export health certificate on the basis of appropriate support statements from the Attending Vet covering the flock(s) of origin.

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV a) refers. For eggs sourced from flock of UK origin, this paragraph may be certified by the OV provided he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by APHA Carlisle before shipment. In Northern Ireland the local equivalent arrangements will apply. For non-UK origin eggs, support documentation should be obtained regarding the disease status of the country/area of residence of the source flock.

6. **FREEDOM FROM POULTRY DISEASES AND HARMFUL SUBSTANCES**

Paragraph IV c) refers. This statement should be interpreted in the context of the certificate being for eggs for human consumption. It is not certifiable if the eggs are suspected to be contaminated by infections which would prohibit normal trade in table eggs (without requiring heat treatment) - for example evidence of *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, Notifiable Avian Influenza or Newcastle disease in the flocks of origin. Eggs may be deemed to be free of harmful substances if their domestic sale is not restricted due to an investigation for a residue violation.

7. **EXPORTER/MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION**

Paragraphs IV d) refers. This paragraphs may be certified on the basis of

EITHER:

familiarity with the factory processes in place, supported by relevant documentation and/or suitable records (such as slaughter/treatment/testing records, commercial documentation, veterinary certification);

OR:

The manufacturer/exporter must supply a declaration including exactly the same wording as the matters to be certified. This must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and is aware of the requirements. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence.

The Certifying OV should examine the declaration and, if required, make any other enquiries that he/she may consider appropriate to verify the statement.

Where possible, supporting evidence (for example, health certificates for raw materials, showing their country of origin, or

documentation of other relevant details) should be called for and put on file.

Official veterinarians should keep a copy of the declaration for record purposes.

Official veterinarians should ensure that all packaging is new or appropriately sanitised.

The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2000 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated".

8. **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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>