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**EXPORT OF PET RABBITS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6219EHC may be used for the export of pet rabbits from Great Britain to the Cayman Islands.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an official Veterinarian (OV) who is a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or National Assembly For Wales on the appropriate panel for export purposes. LVIs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with LVI stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager on the day of issue.

3. **TREATMENT OFF THE DATA SHEET**

The Cayman Islands import conditions require that the rabbit(s) is/are treated with an acaricidal preparation which is known to have a residual action against ticks (e.g. flea and tick spray or dip). As there is no acaricidal product at present licensed for use in rabbits in GB, LVIs may decide to use a acaricidal product licensed for use in other species, exercising their clinical judgement on the 'cascade principle'. LVIs should demonstrate due care in administering medicinal products outwith the recommendations of the data sheet, and should seek the manufacturer's advice as appropriate. LVIs are advised to obtain the written consent of the owner/exporter before administering products outwith the data sheet.

4. **DISCLAIMER**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 International Animal Health Division at the address given below.

5. **WELFARE**

Exporters are advised that animals must be transported in accordance with Council Directive 91/628/EEC. Vehicles and transport arrangements which conform to the requirements of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997 meet the standards set out in Council Directive 91/628/EEC. Information about the necessary

requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Division at any of the offices listed below:

**ENGLAND**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Animal Welfare Division  
1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ  
Tel: 020 7904 6581 / Fax: 020 7904 6961

**SCOTLAND**

Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department  
Animal Welfare Division  
Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh. EH14 1TW  
Tel: 0131.556 8400 ext 6181 / Fax:0131 244 6616

**WALES**

National Assembly for Wales  
Animal Welfare Division  
Cathays park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ  
Tel: 02920 823593 / Fax: 02920 823352

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
1A Page Street  
London  
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