

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**For export of bone, horn and hoof products
(excluding meal) intended for use other than
as feed material, organic fertilisers or soil
improvers, for dispatch to or for transit
through the European Union**

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Chapter 16 - For export of bone, horn and hoof products (excluding meal) intended for use other than as feed material, organic fertilisers or soil improvers, for dispatch to or for transit through the European Union

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, CERTIFICATION SUPPORT OFFICER AND EXPORTER

1. APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1069/2009](#) and [Commission \(EU\) Regulation 142/2011](#) (as amended)

Any other EU legislation referenced in the certificate must be complied with and can be accessed on the following link:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

2. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION

As well as a declaration, a commercial document stamped by the OV is required to accompany the declaration signed by the Exporter. Additional information can be found at Point 8 below.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with the relevant export declaration applicable for exports into the EU of bones and bone products (excluding bone meal), horns and horn products (excluding horn meal) and hooves and hoof products (excluding horn meal) intended for use other than as feed material, organic fertilisers or soil improvers for dispatch to or transit through the EU in accordance with Regulation 142/2011 EU. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the declaration.

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.

3. SCOPE OF THE DECLARATION

This Model Chapter 16 declaration may be used for the export of bones and bone products (excluding bone meal), horns and horn products (excluding horn meal) and hooves and hoof products (excluding horn meal) intended for use other than as feed material, organic fertilisers or soil improvers intended for dispatch to or transit through the EU, in accordance with the relevant requirements described in Regulation 142/2011EU.

Only Category 3 materials referred to in Article 10(a), (b)(i), (b) (iii), (e) and (h) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 may be used.

4. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

In Great Britain, the commercial document shall be signed and stamped by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government as such and holding the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation on behalf of the UK competent authority. A certified copy of the completed commercial document and declaration from the Exporter must be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency Customer Service Centre (APHA CSC) at Carlisle within seven days of signing.

In Northern Ireland, this certificate shall be signed by an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

OVs must sign and stamp the commercial document with the OV stamp in ink of any colour other than black.

The OV should also keep a copy of all signed and stamped documentation for his/her own records.

5. DISEASE NOTIFICATION

Some export certificates for animals and animal products will include statements that will require that the OV certify that specified areas or the entire country of origin are free from certain diseases.

OVs should initially check the Gov.uk Website link below for our Notifiable Disease Status.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/animal-diseases-international-monitoring>

- **In the event of a disease outbreak:** APHA Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland will formally notify OVs to make it clear which of those disease freedom statements should **not be certified**.
- **In the absence of a specific disease notification from APHA Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland:** OVs may certify that the UK has disease free status or region free status for those diseases mentioned in the health certificate.

- **NOTE: This does not apply to Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs) or Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) freedom statements.**

6. CERTIFICATION SUPPORT OFFICER (CSO)

CSOs can be utilised by OVs for gathering evidence relating to this declaration and commercial document. The CSOs must be authorised by the APHA and they must hold the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Animal Health Professional) (OCQ(AHP)-CSO) qualification. This is provided for in existing (Directive 96/93/EC) and future (Regulation 2017/625) legislation.

The OV must direct the CSO as to how and where any necessary evidence relevant to the requirements of the Export Health Certificate (EHC) should be obtained. CSOs may not carry out any functions that require the exercise of veterinary judgement and are restricted to the execution of administrative checks. They may only carry out such inspections, factual verification and evidence collection as specified by the directing OV, who remains responsible for the certification of the product. CSOs are not authorised to sign an EHC in their own right or on behalf of an OV.

Any documentary evidence collected by the CSO must be stamped, signed and dated by the CSO, before being submitted by them as supporting evidence to the OV. It is required that the OV is familiar with the product process and evidence required to start with, before directing the CSO to provide future evidence on an ongoing basis.

Additional guidance and principles of implementation are provided in the [OV Instructions Exports section](#) of the APHA Vet Gateway.

7. DECLARATION AND COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTATION BY THE EXPORTER

The Exporter must sign the declaration in ink of any colour other than black and present a commercial documentation as laid down in Point 7 below for signature and stamping by the OV.

The Exporter should also keep a copy of all signed and stamped documentation for his/her own records.

8. UK APPROVED ESTABLISHMENTS TO EXPORT TO THE EU

The exporting establishment must be authorised and listed by the EU as a 'UK approved establishment' for animal by-products not for human consumption (ABP). A list of approved establishments can be found on the European Commission's list of approved establishments' link below:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/international_affairs/trade/non-eu-countries_en

Please note that the list is updated regularly and ONLY establishments on the list are approved to export to the EU, and does not include establishments with pending applications for approval/registration.

If the final product contains animal products from other establishments, or products were previously processed in different establishments in the production chain, then these establishments should also be listed on the EU website as UK approved establishments.

9. COMMERICAL DOCUMENTATION

Each consignment must be accompanied by a commercial document drawn up by the exporter/ exporting establishment which must then be signed and stamped by the OV. The commercial document must include the following information:

- a) The third country of origin;
- b) The name of the establishment or plant of production
- c) The nature of the product (dried bone/ dried bone product/ dried horns/ dried horn product/ dried hooves/ dried hoof products), and
- d) Confirmation of the fact that the product was:
 - i. Derived from healthy animals slaughtered in a slaughterhouse;
 - ii. Dried for a period of 42 days at an average temperature of at least 20°C;
 - iii. Heated for one hour to at least 80°C to the core before drying;
 - iv. Ashed for one hour to at least 800°C to the core before drying;
 - v. Underwent an acidification process such that the pH was maintained at less than 6 to the core for at least one hour before drying; and

Is not intended at any stage to be diverted for any use in food, feed material, organic fertilisers or soil improvers.

The OV may sign the commercial document on the basis of familiarity with processing arrangements at the processing establishment and examination of relevant records, including the approval document to ensure all requirements of the commercial document is correct.

10. DECLARATION BY THE EXPORTER

Animal Health Attestation

Starting/source material

The starting material used must be Category 3 material and the correct sub-category or sub-categories of ABP must be selected, and the other sub-categories deleted as instructed.

SRM material

The Exporter must also ensure the product does not contain or has been derived from specified risk material as defined in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and satisfies the BSE risk requirements detailed in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 by checking records held by the company.

11. LEGAL STATEMENT

The existing EU legislation that the UK already complies with will be incorporated into our domestic law as “retained EU law” under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. References in our guidance and certification to such EU instruments should be taken to be references to this “retained EU law”. Under the Withdrawal Act we will ensure that current EU standards remain in force, without amendment, in the immediate months after our EU exit as part of UK domestic law (apart from corrections to make the EU legislation fully operable).

12. 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 Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency>

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