

EXPORT TO AND TRANSIT WITHIN FRENCH METROPOLITAN TERRITORY AND FRANCE'S OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS OF ANIMALS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES BELONGING TO THE ORDER RODENTIA, INSECTIVORES\* AND DERMOPTERA COMING FROM GREAT BRITAIN – 8633EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8633EHC

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NfG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8633EHC. 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 GB, in advance of each consignment.

1. Scope of the certificate

This certificate may be used for the export to and transit within French metropolitan territory and France's overseas departments of animals for research purposes belonging to the order Rodentia, Insectivores\* (solenodontidae, sorcidae, nesophontidae, tenrecidae, chrysochloridea, erinaceidae) and Dermoptera coming from Great Britain.

2. Certification by and Official Veterinarian (OV)

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ( DEFRA ) , Scottish Government and Welsh Government, who is an Official Veterinarian ( OV ) on the appropriate panel for export purposes , or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification [ Veterinary OCQ (V) ] authorisation.

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

3. **Paragraph I.18** Description of commodity

Enter Live animals : mammal- other <https://www.tariffnumber.com/2021/01061900>

4. **Paragraph I.19** Commodity code

Enter 01061900 <https://www.tariffnumber.com/2021/01061900>

5. **Paragraph I.28** Unique ID number

Use crate label as identification method and indicate number of animals per crate.  
Under ' Unique identification number' - write crate identifiers, e.g. 1-10

Under ' Location of identification' – write Crate Label

6. **Paragraph II. a.**

Keep the option that applies and strike through the other two in both the English and French text.

Regarding Article R. 214-88 of Rural Code (also in point d): The Rural Code was transposed from EU [Directive 86/609](#) that was repealed and superseded by [Directive 2010/63/EU](#). The statement that rodents are destined for establishments that are defined in this code can be certified on the basis of evidence (e.g. a declaration) provided by the EU importer.

**7. Paragraph II b.**

This may be certified on the basis of supporting evidence from the veterinarian supervising the premises of origin. The zoonosis monitoring programme applies to the premises. The certificate does not specifically require active surveillance for the specific diseases to be carried out in rodents but the OV must be satisfied that premises is free of the specific diseases mentioned and that either passive or active surveillance policies are in place that would notify the veterinarians supervising the premises if any of these diseases were detected in animals on the premises and/or humans that have had direct contact with these animals.

**8. Paragraph II d.**

Keep the option that applies and strike through the other one in both the English and French text.

If rodents are not destined for “breeding establishments, supplying establishments or animal experimentation establishments according to Article R. 214-88 of the Rural Code” they must be subject to at least one antiparasitic treatment in the 40 days preceding the shipment. This treatment should be active against common pathogenic endoparasites and ectoparasites in rodents.

**9. Paragraph II e.**

Strike through whole section if rodents are destined for “breeding establishments, supplying establishments or animal experimentation establishments according to Article R. 214-88 of the Rural Code and therefore are not “for onward sale”.

**10. Paragraph II f.**

Will be examined by a competent person on the day of loading.

The OV will require a declaration from exporter stating that “that until their arrival on French territory the animals described in the present certificate will be transported in shipping containers designed to prevent them coming into contact with animals not presenting an equivalent health status”. The certificate does not require this declaration to be copied or attached to the certificate, but exporters may wish to send this declaration with the consignment in case this is requested by the BCP.

For information on the live animal transport requirements refer to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/animal-welfare#animal-welfare-during-transport>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-live-animals-special-rules>

In the space the text 'Are cleaned and disinfected beforehand with the following products'  
Write name of the major active ingredient(s) used for disinfection (e.g. quaternary ammonia compounds, sodium hypochlorite, etc).

11. 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:

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