

**EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR POULTRY MEAT INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO UKRAINE -  
5352 NFG**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

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**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued together with the export certificate for Poultry meat to Ukraine 5352EHC.

These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with the certificate for export of Poultry meat to Ukraine.

Exporters are advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

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**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

The export health certificate for **Poultry Meat** may be used for the export of non-heat-treated poultry meat and meat products of UK and EU origin from the United Kingdom to Ukraine (**UA**).

The Footnotes to the certificate **define 'poultry meat'** as all the edible parts of farmed birds, including birds that are not considered as domestic but which are farmed as domestic birds, with the exception of ratites, which have not undergone any treatment other than cold treatment (chilling, freezing or quick-freezing) to ensure preservation, including vacuum-wrapped meat or meat wrapped in a protective atmosphere.

**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.

OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in a colour that must be different to the colour of the printing of the certificate

Instructions on certified copies, retention and returning of the same can be found in APHA Vet Gateway, please make sure you follow the latest government guidance.

[OV Instructions \(defra.gov.uk\)](http://defra.gov.uk)

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

**3. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DISPATCHED CONSIGNMENT**

OVs should also refer to the Notes section at the foot of Part II of the certificate.

**I.3. - Central Competent Authority**

Should be pre-populated.

**I.4. - Local Competent Authority**

Should be pre-populated.

**I.7. - Country ISO Codes**

ISO 3166 is the International Standard for country codes and codes for their subdivisions.

The ISO Code for the whole of the United Kingdom is 'GB'. Box I.8 should be marked N/A (not applicable).

The ISO Code for the Ukraine is 'UA' and is entered at Box I.9.

**I.11. - Place of Origin**

Enter the details of the dispatch establishment in this box.

**I.15. - Means of transport**

The registration number of transport vehicles, flight number or name of the vessel must be provided.

**I.20. - Total number of packages**

Indicate number of packages.

**I.22. - Commodities certified for**

Place an X in the box.

**I.24.- For Export**

Place an X in the box.

**I.25.- Identification of the Commodities**

Enter the required information under the under the appropriate headings.

**4. HEALTH INFORMATION - SECTION II**

**II.1 - Public Health Attestation**

- II.1.a. refers.  
This may be certified on the basis of approval by FSA/FSS.
- II.1.b. refers.  
This may be certified on the basis of familiarity of the process/HACCP audits, suitable/satisfactory evidence and examination of the records available at the establishment, confirming that the goods come from (an) establishments(s) implementing a programme based on the HACCP principles in

accordance with The General Food Hygiene (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (as retained from Regulation (EC) No 852/2004).

- II.1.c. refers.  
This paragraph may be certified if the goods have been produced in compliance with the conditions set out in The Specific Foodstuffs Hygiene (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (as retained from Regulation (EC) No 853/2004), based in the oval mark applied to the product. The oval mark should provide guarantees of this.
- II.1.d. refers.  
This paragraph may be certified if the meat has been produced in compliance with The Contaminants in Food (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ( as adopted from Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006) and The General Food Hygiene (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (as retained from Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005). The oval mark should provide guarantees of this.
- II.1.e. refers.  
This paragraph may be certified if the meat satisfies the relevant criteria set out in The General Food Hygiene (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (as retained from Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005) on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs. The oval mark should provide guarantees of this.
- II.1.f. refers.  
This paragraph may be certified if the certified goods comply with the guarantees on the absence and/or non-exceeding the maximum permitted levels of veterinary drugs and contaminants/residues under approved national plans for the monitoring of residues of veterinary drugs and contaminants in accordance with the The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 2015, which implements the requirements of Directive 96/23/EC. The oval mark should provide guarantees of this.
- II.1.g. refers.  
This paragraph may be certified if the meat has been found fit for human consumption following ante and post mortem inspections carried out in accordance with Section IV, Chapter V of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 which has been retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The oval mark should provide guarantees of this.
- II.1.h. refers.  
This paragraph may be certified if it has been marked with an identification mark in accordance with Section I of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 which has been retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

## **II.2 - Animal Health Attestation**

- II.2.1.-II.2.4. refer.  
These paragraphs may be certified based on the personal knowledge of the certifying veterinarian, declaration received from the food business operator as well as disease clearance obtained for the premises of origin of the poultry as well as the production establishment and, if the birds are imported from an EU Member State or Ukraine as day old chicks, as breeding and productive poultry or as slaughter poultry, a valid health certificate accompanying the birds.

II.2.1, II.2.2 (c), II.2.4 a) and b) can be certified based on the 618NDC provided by APHA.

- II.2.5.a refers  
This paragraph may be certified based on a declaration obtained from the Food Business Operator that the poultry from which the meat was obtained from comply with paragraph II.2.1.
- II.2.5.b refers  
The dates of slaughter have to be entered.
- II.2.5.c. refers  
Vaccination against avian influenza is not permitted in the UK except in special circumstances and based on permission by the Competent Authority. There are no plans to vaccinate against AI in the UK therefore the sub-paragraph stating that no vaccination has been carried out can be certified. If the product is from imported poultry assurances need to be obtained from the exporter.

II.2.5.d-f refers

These paragraphs can be certified based on a declaration received by the Food business operator.

### **II.3 - Animal Welfare Attestation**

The OV must certify that the meat has been derived from poultry which have been handled in the slaughterhouse before and at the time of slaughter or killing in accordance with the relevant animal welfare provisions and have met the requirements at least equivalent to those laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 (which has been retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) on the protection of animals at the time of killing.

This can be certified on the basis of the presence of the health mark and the approval of the establishment.

## **5. CERTIFICATION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Principle 3 from the 10 Principles of Certification states:

*A veterinarian should only sign certificates that are written in a language they understand.*

For this certificate, the Ukrainian language is added with the English text. The foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text and as the Official Veterinarian, you are accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if you are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text.

## **6. 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>