

EXPORT TO AND TRANSIT WITHIN FRENCH METROPOLITAN TERRITORY AND FRANCE'S OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS OF ANIMALS BELONGING TO THE ORDER LAGOMORPHA (LEPUS EUROPAEUS, ORYCTOLAGUS CUNICULUS) COMING FROM GREAT BRITAIN

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 9004EHC

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 9004EHC. 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 Lagomorpha (Lepus europaeus, Oryctolagus cuniculus) 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

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

Individual identification must be used wherever possible, but batch identification can be used.

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**

'either/or' delete as applicable ⁽¹⁾

7. **Paragraph II d**

An establishment will be 'qualified' as free based on clinical evidence (clinical signs, health monitoring programme and pathological records), e.g. that the disease has either never occurred in the establishment ever or for a given period of time (6/12 months).

8 Paragraph II f.

Animals destined for research establishments cannot be treated with antiparasitic treatments as these may interfere with the research to be carried out. In this case strike through the whole section in both the English and French text.

9 Paragraph II g.

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).

10 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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