

EXPORT OF COLLAGEN INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CHILE - 7364NFG

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the accompanying export certificate 7364EHC. 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.

1. SCOPE

Chile's Competent Authority has agreed that this certificate may be used for the import of collagen which is intended for human consumption, from the United Kingdom.

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 \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)

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

3. 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 Chilean authorities have requested that the Chilean certificate in Spanish language also needs a signature by an OV. 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.

4. ATTESTATION

- Paragraph II. 1. 1. (a) refers.
Except in the case of material of fish origin, guarantees are required that the animals from which the material is derived have passed post-mortem inspection. Written confirmation that this is the case, which can be traceable to incoming batches of raw material and also to manufactured collagen, must be kept for audit purposes.

The paragraph may then be certified on this basis.

- Paragraph II.1.1(d) refers only if material is derived from ruminants.

First sub-option can be certified if the collagen was prepared **exclusively** from hides and skins.

Second sub-option can only be certified if the the raw materials derived from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in countries recognised by the OIE as of negligible BSE risk. In the UK only applies to Northern Ireland and Jersey. Delete otherwise.

<https://www.oie.int/app/uploads/2021/05/a-uk-2020.png>

Third sub-option- The UK is a country with OIE controlled BSE risk status, so the final option is applicable if the material is derived from animals slaughtered in the UK. AND have not been slaughtered after stunning by means of compressed air or gas injected into the cranial cavity or a pithing process; such raw materials neither contained nor were contaminated by: tonsils or distal ileum of cattle of any age; brains, eyes, spinal cord and skull from cattle aged over 12 months and vertebral column from cattle over 30 months of age.

- Paragraph II.1.2.(a) refers.
This may be certified on the basis of examination of relevant premises approval documents and familiarity with the establishment's manufacturing process.
- Paragraphs II.1.5. and II.1.6
Wrapping , labelling
Appropriate The OV must personally confirm that the packaging is new, clean and unused. Also, that it is appropriate to the product and is clearly and descriptively labelled with all details outlined on the certificate.
- Paragraph II.1.7
Container of despatch
The OV must personally confirm that the cargo compartment of the vehicles has been cleaned and disinfected.

5. 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>