

TEMPORARY EXPORT OF REGISTERED HORSES TO SINGAPORE

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5180EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5180EHC. Please note this EHC contains paragraphs numbered IV(i) and IV(o). 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**

Export health certificate 5180EHC may be used to accompany horses exported to Singapore, subject to the issuing of an import permit by the Singapore authorities. (See paragraph 3 below).

2. **Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by 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 (DAERA), who is an OV on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation. OVs/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK - each page should also be signed, dated and stamped, together with all associated documentation (e.g. laboratory reports, if applicable).

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office, in GB the APHA Centre for International Trade, within seven days of issue.

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

3. **Import permit**

Permission to import equidae into Singapore must be obtained from the Singapore authorities before the shipment leaves the United Kingdom. The owner or agent must apply for an import licence at least 3 weeks before the proposed importation date. An import licence may be obtained the following address:

Group Director, Quarantine and Inspection Group
Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore
5 Maxwell Road #02-00
Tower Block, MND Complex
Singapore 069110
Telephone: [65] 62270670
Fax: [65] 62276305

Exporters are advised to compare the health conditions attached to the import permit with the health certificate 5180EHC and to advise APHA or equivalent if there are any discrepancies.

4. **Identification**

Paragraph I of the health certificate must be fully completed. The silhouette on page 2 of the 5180CON should also be completed and the passport number inserted. The Official Veterinarian must verify the identity of all registered horses by reference to the passport. The Official Veterinarian must be satisfied that the horse is adequately identified at the time of inspection and each time that samples are taken for pre-export testing.

5. **Movement information of the horse**

Paragraph IV c) refers, the list of the scheduled countries/places are as follows: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Macau SAR, Malaysia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

6. **Health examination**

The examination mentioned at paragraph V. (s) must be carried out as near as possible to the intended date of export and not more than 24 hours prior to shipment.

7. **Disease clearance**

The certification contained in paragraphs V.(a), (f), (g), and (j) if applicable, may be signed on behalf of DEFRA provided written authority from the issuing office has been received on form 618NDC. Due to confirmed cases of EVA in April 2019 the country clearance in V h) cannot currently be certified therefore the testing option must be used.

8. **Laboratory tests**

Paragraphs V. (e), (f), (g) and (h) refer. Blood samples for these laboratory tests should be sent to the APHA laboratory in Weybridge for testing, allowing sufficient time for the tests to be completed and for results to be received before the proposed export date.

In case a seropositive EVA test result is obtained, Official Veterinarians are advised to take duplicate blood samples and to store one sample until the first EVA test result is received. If the protocol at paragraph V. (h) is followed, a second sample should be taken at least 14 days after the first sampling. The second sample together with the stored sample should be submitted for EVA serological tests with a request that the samples are run concurrently.

9. **Owners declaration**

Paragraphs V. (c) (e) (f) (g) (h) (j) (n) (o), (p), (q) and (r) refer. Owners declarations should be retained by the Official Veterinarian for record purposes. The Official Veterinarian should make due enquiries as necessary into the validity of the declarations. If the Official Veterinarian has any reason to doubt the validity of any declaration, the local APHA office should be consulted.

10. **Exposure to infectious disease**

Paragraphs V.(p) refer. The Official Veterinarian should make due inquiry as to the disease status of the horse, its contacts and premises of residence during the previous three months. The Official Veterinarian may need to obtain supporting statements from veterinary surgeons responsible for other premises where the horse has been kept during this period.

11. **Transport**

The horses should be transported direct from UK to Singapore; landing at any intermediate airports must be approved beforehand by the Primary Production Department, Singapore.

12. **Travel certificate**

The exporter/agent must arrange for a declaration to be provided by the ship's captain or aircraft's pilot stating that:

(i) the horse was embarked or emplaned in the United Kingdom and has not been landed at any intermediate port (unless it is an approved port - Amsterdam, Bahrain, Basel, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, Dubai, Dublin, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Luxembourg, Manchester, Paris, Taipei, Tokyo, Vienna and Zurich) during the voyage/flight to Singapore.

(ii) no horse from another country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which this declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft(unless prior approval obtained is from AVA);

(iii) no fodder from another country was carried in the ship/aircraft during the time that the horses to which this declaration refers were on board the ship/aircraft(unless prior approval obtained is from AVA);

(iv) the horse was transported in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) International Animal Health Code and the International Air Transport Association's Live Animal regulations.

There is no standard format for such a certificate.

13. **Quarantine restrictions**

Upon arrival in Singapore the horses will be quarantined for a period of not less than 14 days. The owner or his agent is responsible for ensuring that

quarantine space is available.

14. **Welfare**

Most horses and ponies exported from United Kingdom need certification to satisfy British export welfare legislation IN ADDITION TO the export health certification. Information about the necessary requirements and application forms may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Department at the following offices:

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA), Centre
International Trade (CIT), Eden Bridge House,
Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX
Tel 03000 200 301
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gsi.gov.uk

NORTHERN IRELAND Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section,
Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast,
BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

15. **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 APHA Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#specialist-service-centres-ssc>