

EXPORT OF ORNAMENTAL BIRD FOOD OR FOOD FOR RODENT TO CANADA - 8607NFG

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: Export Certificate 8607EHC - Export Health Certificate for Ornamental bird food or food for rodent to Canada

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 the 8607EHC Export Health Certificate for Ornamental bird food or food for rodent to Canada. 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 OF THE CERTIFICATE

This certificate may be used for the export of ornamental bird food or food for rodent to Canada.

Exporters should contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to verify if this certificate would be appropriate for their products and whether their importer would need to obtain an import permit prior to shipment.

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)

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

3. FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE

The text and layout of this certificate has been agreed between the United Kingdom and the CFIA to enable the export of ornamental bird food and food for rodent from the UK to Canada.

Specific guidance on completing this certificate is provided via footnotes in the certificate itself and in these notes.

4. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

I.2 - Certificate reference number

This will be completed by the issuing APHA office.

I.3 - Central Competent Authority

This should be completed with "Defra". When the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

I.4 - Local Competent Authority

It should be entered the Animal and Plant Health Agency. Where the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

I.5 - Consignee

Enter the details of the importer.

I.6 - Enter related certificate and document numbers, if any. Otherwise, please strike through.

I.7 and I.9 - Country ISO Codes

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for the whole of the **United Kingdom** is "GBR".

The ISO Code for **Canada** is "CAN" and should be entered at **Box I.9**.

I.8 - Intentionally struck through.

I.10 - Intentionally struck through.

I.11 - Place of origin

Enter the details of establishment of dispatch.

I.12 - Intentionally struck through.

I.13 - Enter place of loading.

I.14 - Date and time of departure

The date of departure must be entered in the format **dd/mm/yyyy**.

I.15 - Means of transport

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated.

The option 'Other' is not applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected.

The **Identification Number(s)** should be completed with the name of the vessel and, if known, the flight number of the aircraft.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

I.16 - Entry point

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the destination country and this must be entered.

I.17 - intentionally struck through.

I.18 - Temperature of products

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature is ambient, chilled or frozen.

I.19 - Total Gross Weight

Insert the total gross and total net weights in Kg.

I.20 - Total number of packages

Insert the total number of packages forming the consignment.

I.21 - Seal/container number

The seal or container number of consignment may be entered here.

For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.

I.22 - Commodities certified for

The box should be ticked to confirm that the consignment is intended for use in animal feeding.

I.23 - Intentionally struck through.

I.24 - For export

The box should be ticked to confirm that this is an export, as opposed to transshipment.

I.25 - Identification of the commodities

If the consignment consists of several different types of products then it may be necessary to use a separate schedule to identify the full consignment. The schedule must, as a minimum, contain the same information as that required in **Box I.25** of the certificate and this box must be annotated "See Attached Schedule".

Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the **Certificate reference number** and/or **certificate reference number** and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also.

Any blank spaces in the schedule or in **Box I.25** should be struck through with diagonal lines.

- (a) **Customs code and title:** The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics.

The permitted HS Codes, as referred to in the footnote of the certificate, and their broad headings are given below:

05.11 Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or 3, unfit for human consumption.

23.09 Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding.

42.05 Other articles of leather or of composition leather.

42.06 Articles of gut (other than silkworm gut), of goldbeater's skin, of bladders or of tendons.

The exporter must select the appropriate HS Code from within one of the above headings which best reflects their consignment. The selected HS Code and its specific description must be entered in the

space provided in **Box I.25**.

The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code and specific description entered at Box I.25 correctly describes the products being consigned.

Further information on HS Codes can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>

5. PART II - CERTIFICATION

II.1.

This paragraph can be certified based in OV's familiarity with sourcing, procurement, segregation, processing, and handling and storage arrangements in place at the establishment and ensure that the consignment meets the conditions required in the certificate. Where the OV is required to certify conditions outside of their personal knowledge, they must request and be provided with appropriate supporting documentation from another veterinarian (if appropriate) and/or the exporter.

II.2. - Manufacturing establishment

This paragraph should be certified based on OV's personal knowledge or based on a declaration by the manufacturer of the product.

II.3. - Animals not under disease or movement restrictions

First option "**either**", should be certified for product that did not undergo a heat treatment that reached at least 90C at the core of the product. This paragraph can be certified by an OV by checking that the UK is listed by Canada as free of the diseases that affect the animals from which the product has been made of. The list of countries recognised by Canada can also be found at the link below.

A list of animal diseases which are reportable in Canada can be viewed by searching for "reportable diseases" on the CFIA website at:
[Animal health status by disease - Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(canada.ca\)](https://www.inspection.gc.ca/animal-health/status-by-disease/canadian-food-inspection-agency/canada-ca)

In the case of notifiable diseases, UK legislation ensures that animals which are under official restrictions can only be slaughtered in designated slaughterhouses (in the case of restrictions because of epizootic diseases) or they are subject to enhanced checks/tests/controls (e.g. for bovine tuberculosis, BSE) to ensure the products are only released for placing on the market after any potential risk is mitigated (processing, post-mortem inspection, removal of SRM).

The second option "**or**", should be certified if the product has undergone a heat treatment of at least 90C at the core of the product. This can be certified by personal knowledge and documentary evidence presented by the manufacturer of the product.

II.4.

This paragraph can be certified based on OV's personal knowledge and appropriate evidence presented to them.

II.5. and II.6.

This paragraph can be certified on OV's personal knowledge.

6. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS

If declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and

responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

7. 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 Customer Service Centre in Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>