

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

In relation to 8682EHC titled:  
EXPORT OF DEER ANTLERS TO CANADA

Associated Documents: 8682EHC

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but always in conjunction with certificate 8682EHC. 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**

This certificate may be used for the export to Canada of deer antlers.

Exporters should note that the product must have come from a country or zone recognised by Canada as being free from foot and mouth disease. See paragraph IV 1 of the certificate and **paragraph IV 3(b) below** for further information.

2. **CERTIFICATION BY AN 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, 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.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Specialist Service Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or to DAERA, within seven days of issue.

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

3. **Paragraph IV - Health information**

The health information may be certified on the basis of the following specific guidance in conjunction with the RCVS Principles of Certification. OVs should develop due familiarity with the sourcing, procurement, segregation, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the establishment. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection and by examination of relevant documentation or other records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements, laboratory analysis and valid declarations.

(a) **Paragraph IV 1 - Country of origin**

The certifying OV should make due enquiry to confirm where the donor animals were resident, and complete this paragraph as necessary.

(b) **Paragraph IV 1 and 2 - Foot and mouth disease**

These paragraphs require the product's country of origin and the United Kingdom to be recognised by Canada as being free from foot and mouth disease.

Confirmation of those countries and zones currently recognised by the Canadian Food Inspection Service as being free from foot and mouth disease may be obtained from their website at:

<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/foot-and-mouth-disease/countries-recognized-as-free-of-the-disease/eng/1330483635966/1330483942804>

This information can also be found by searching for "**foot-and-mouth disease - countries officially recognized**" on the CFIA's website:

<https://inspection.canada.ca>

This paragraph may be certified on the basis that:

- the country or zone of origin of the product (whether United Kingdom or not) is currently recognised by Canada as being free from foot and mouth disease;

**and**

- the United Kingdom is currently recognised by Canada as being free from foot and mouth disease.

**Note:** If any part of the United Kingdom or the country of origin is under restrictions due to foot and mouth disease at the time of signature, the exporter must also:

- obtain confirmation from APHA or from DAERA that their consignment is not subjected to any movement controls or additional certification under applicable disease control legislation;

**and**

- obtain confirmation from the Canadian Food Inspection Service that their consignment would still be permitted entry upon arrival in light of the current disease situation.

**4. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS**

Where 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 and/or declared intended use. 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.

Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

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 APHA Centre for International Trade (CIT) - Exports in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:  
e-mail- [tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk)  
Phone - 0289 0520989