

EXPORT OF READY-MADE MEALS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CHILE - 8601NFG

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 8601EHC. 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 ready-made meals which are 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. The boxes and paragraph number are the same and as the Official Veterinarian, you are accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, by cross-referencing to the English certificate, even if you are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text.

4. **DETAILS OF CONSIGNMENT AND HEALTH ATTESTATION**

Part I:

Box I.11: Name, address, and approval number of the establishment of production or dispatch, in accordance with the register of establishments authorised to export to Chile.

Box reference I.25:

Product type: e.g. pizza, lasagne, pasta with meat, meat pies, etc

Customs code & title: enter the relevant customs code of the World Customs Organisation: 16.01; 16.02; 16.03; 16.04; 16.05; 19.01; 19.02; 19.05; 20.04; 20.05; 21.03; 21.04; 21.05; 21.06

Trade name: enter selling trade name of the product.

Producing establishment: enter the approval number of the establishment producing the ready-made meal, in accordance with the register of establishments authorised to export to Chile.

Part II:

Paragraphs II.2, II.3.1, II.4.1 and II.5.1 can be certified by an OV if the establishment is approved by the UK's competent authority and listed by Chile in their websites below.

[Approved food establishments | Food Standards Agency](#)

The list of registered establishments can be found at:

[Importaciones | SAG](#)

II.3, II.4 and II.5. Please select the statement depending of the content of the ready meal product. II.3 for milk or dairy content, II.4 for poultry meat content, and II.5 for pork and beef content. Strike through the non applicable ones. OV can certify the treatment the product has undergone based on their personal knowledge or based on supporting evidence gathered from the producer/export (e.g. contractual agreements, invoices, HACCP plans/records, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), traceability/processing records) providing evidence of the treatment(s) that the product(s) have undergone.

For UK origin products, II.3.2 and II.5.2 (first statement), these can be certified based on clearance provided by the Centre for International Trade-Carlisle in the form of 618NDC.

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>