

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO CHILE -
2700NFG

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued together with the export certificate for Milk and Dairy Products to Chile 2700EHC.

These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with the certificate for export of Milk and Dairy Products to Chile.

Exporters are advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

The Export Health Certificate for Milk and Dairy Products to Chile may be used for the export of dairy and dairy products from the United Kingdom to Chile. This includes pasteurised milk, dairy products derived from pasteurised milk, or cheeses either derived from pasteurised milk or subject to a maturation process for a minimum of 60 days.

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 \(defra.gov.uk\)](http://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 also that the Chilean certificate 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. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DISPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

OVs should also refer to the Notes section at the foot of Part II of the certificate.

I.3. - Central Competent Authority

Should be DEFRA for GB or Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for Northern Ireland.

I.4. - Local Competent Authority

Should be the Animal and Plant Health Agency for GB or Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for Northern Ireland.

I.7. - Country ISO Codes

ISO 3166 is the International Standard for country codes and codes for their subdivisions.

The ISO Code for the whole of the United Kingdom is 'GB' and this should be entered at Box I.7.

The ISO Code for the Chile is 'CL' and is entered at Box I.9.

I.11. - Place of Origin

Enter the details of the dispatch establishment in this box. To include name, address and approval number of the establishment of production/dispatch.

I.15. - Means of transport

The registration number of transport vehicles, flight number or name of the vessel must be provided.

I.20. - Total number of packages

Indicate number of packages.

I.22. - Commodities certified for

Place an X in the box.

I.24. - For Export

Place an X in the box.

I.25. - Identification of the Commodities

HS Code

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics. The appropriate HS Code should be entered in **Box I.25**, before the required details identifying the commodities.

Further information on HS Codes can be found online at:

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

The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used correctly describes the products being consigned and is acceptable to the importing authorities.

For the sections identifying the commodities, the required information should be entered under the under the appropriate headings.

5. HEALTH INFORMATION - SECTION II

- II.1. refers.

In the UK, this paragraph can be certified on receipt of a 618NDC document from the issuing office showing freedom from the listed notifiable diseases.

For non-UK origin the certifying OV should certify on the basis of supporting documentation from the country of origin, or by reference to the status as listed on the OIE website.

- II.2. refers.

Any establishments processing milk or dairy products for export to Chile must be specifically registered with and approved by the government of Chile Agriculture and Livestock Service, referred to as SAG.

The exporter must submit a completed form 'REGISTRATION FORM MODEL No 24' to APHA, who will send to SAG to allow the establishment to be listed.

The list of registered establishments can be found at:

[Información por temas | SAG](#)

The certifying OV should refer to this list to allow certification of this paragraph.

- II.3, II.4 and II.5 refers.

This may be certified on the basis of familiarity of the process, suitable/satisfactory evidence and examination of the records available at the establishment.

Each of these paragraphs covers a different type of product being exported. II.3 is applicable in the case of milk, II.4 in the case of dairy products except cheese, and II.5 in the case of cheese. For certification purposes, only the relevant paragraph for that product needs to be verified. However, the options which do not apply should not be struck through, so all paragraphs show in the final certificate.

The only section that can be deleted is in II.5, where in the case of cheese either "pasteurised milk" or "were subjected to a maturation process minimum 60 days" should be deleted dependant on the treatment.

- II.6. refers.

Containers and packaging should meet the packaging requirements laid down in the UK legislation laying down hygiene rules for food of animal origin and its official controls. Apart from being single use and clean, packaging materials must be strong enough to ensure effective protection, must not alter the characteristics of the product, and must not be capable of transmitting constituents to the contents.

- II.7. refers.

Labelling must include the required details.

- II.8. refers.

The rules covering the means of transport are contained in the UK legislation laying down hygiene rules for food of animal origin and its official controls. Vehicles must be clean and disinfected, must be secure against the entry of insects, dust and water, and must not be used to transport live animals or any other item likely to contaminate the product.

7. ****** IMPORTANT **** REFERENCES TO APPROVAL NUMBERS FROM 30/09/2019**

The UK has reached an agreement with Chile to update the details of the approval numbers of all UK establishments requiring listing with Chile. **With effect from 30/09/2019** the approval/registration numbers for establishments listed to export Milk and Dairy Products to Chile will cease to have references to "UK" or "EC". From that time, approval/registration numbers will include the central unique identifier code ONLY [four numerical digits for abattoirs (under

FSA/FSS/DAERA control) - or - five/six alpha-numerical digits for cold stores, dairy and fish establishments (where under local authority approval)].

The format of the approval/registration number including the "UK" prefix and the "EC" suffix shall continue to be used and entered in Section 11.b of 2700EHC export health certificates signed before and up to 30/09/2019.

The format of the approval/registration number without the "UK" prefix and the "EC" suffix shall be used and entered in Section 11.b of 2700EHC export health certificates signed after 30/09/2019.

Illustrative examples

| Format to be used in export health certificates SIGNED <i>BEFORE</i> 30/09/2019 | Format to be used in export health certificates SIGNED <i>AFTER</i> 30/09/2019 |
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| UK 2090 EC | 2090 |
| UK AB123 EC | AB123 |

Consignments certified before 30/09/2019 (which must contain UK and EC references in the approval/registration number) will be accepted for export to Chile upon arrival within a transitional period of 6 months after 30/09/2019.

THE NEW FORMAT APPLICABLE FROM 30/09/2019 MUST BE USED IN ALL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPORTS OF MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS TO CHILE, INCLUDING INTERNAL MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES OR SUPPORT HEALTH ATTESTATIONS SIGNED FROM THAT DATE.

The authorities of Chile will expect that the details of the establishments entered onto the certificate are both correct, consistent and in accordance with their own records of approved establishments. Approval codes, and other details, should exactly match the details as listed on the **SAG Chile** website

[Importaciones | SAG](#)

The new listing by Chile replaces the previous listings by SAG Chile.

Health/ID marking of products: Chile will accept consignments of product bearing either the current format of oval health/ID marks (with "UK" and "EC") or any other acceptable format prescribed by the UK authorities following the UK's exit from the EU. Some consignments might contain a mix of products which each might bear different health/ID marks. Products will be identified as originating from the final establishment of production by cross-reference with the central unique identifier number of the establishment in the oval mark/stamp of the product.

8. 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>