

**EXPORT OF MARINE FISHERIES PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION TO NEW ZEALAND**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

7054EHC, AND 372DMR.

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7054EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7054EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 7054EHC may be used for the export of marine fisheries products for human consumption to New Zealand.

For the purposes of this certificate, marine finfish (but excluding salmonids for which a separate import health standard exist), mollusks (e.g. mussels, oysters, clams, cockles, scallops, abalone, whelks, snails), crustaceans (e.g. crabs, lobsters, prawns, scampi, crayfish, shrimps), echinoderms (e.g. sea urchins, sea cucumbers) and tunicates, are included.

Salmonids mean fish in the genera *Oncorhynchus*, *Salmo* and *Salvelinus*.

**2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)**

This certificate may be signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), The Scottish Government - Rural Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government, Department for Rural Affairs, or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland (DARDNI), 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 any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing Animal Health Office within seven days of issue. The OV/AVI should keep a copy for his/her own records.

**3. Paragraph (IV) can be signed on the basis of compliance with UK requirements which have been deemed equivalent to New Zealand standards.**

If necessary, the certifying OV must liaise with the Local Environmental Health Officer. The products can therefore be exported on the basis of compliance with EU Regulations (EC) No 852/2004, No 853/2004 and 854/2004 as retained in UK law.

**4. Paragraph (V) can be certified by the OV if the following applies:**

For UK origin products - including those prepared containing EU products - directly exported to NZ;

- I. The UK has not imposed any sanitary measures expressly to manage known animal health/food safety risks or hazards which would restrict the products sale or distribution within the UK.
- II. The products were derived from animals and farms that are not subject to animal disease control measures being applied by the UK competent authority. Animal disease in this context means an exotic disease or a disease listed in Annex III of the UK/NZ Vet Agreement.
- III. For EU product the EU has not applied any sanitary measures which would prohibit the sale or distribution of the product within the EU. Sanitary measures in this context means a Commission Decision (or other legal instrument) authored/instigated by SANTE to expressly manage known animal health/food safety risks or hazards.

This clause includes EU exports to the UK that are subsequently re-exported - directly or after processing and/or mixing within UK origin product - to New Zealand. This clause can be signed by the OV if it meets the above requirements based on the OV's knowledge of the exporting business and documentary checks.

#### **4. Disclaimer**

The DEFRA disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 Animal Health via the appropriate address in the link given below.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/int-trde/general/contacts.htm>

