

EXPORT OF BOVINE EMBRYOS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CHILE – 8596NFG

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS (OV) AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and are issued to you to be used with export certificate 8596EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8596EHC.

Exporters are strongly 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

Chile has agreed that this certificate may be used for the import of bovine embryos from the UK.

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. SCHEDULES

Box I.25 refers: A separate schedule may be used to identify the commodities certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in box I.25 and paragraph I.25 must be annotated "See attached schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian (OV).

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the OV 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.

4. **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.

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE (FORM 618NDC)**

Paragraphs paras II.1 (FMD and CBPP), II.3.3 (Brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis) refer:

OVs may certify paragraph II.1 on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

Paragraph II.3.3 refers to the UK's brucellosis status. Chile accepts the principle of regional freedom. Therefore, if the semen collection centre is located in a part of the UK which is officially Brucellosis-free. OVs could sign freedom of Brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis by checking the ABC56 provided by APHA Carlisle to the Collection Centre veterinarian which provide clearance for these diseases.

6. **HEALTH ATTESTATIONS**

II.3.1, II.3.2, II.3.4, II.4.3, II.4.4 and II.5 refers - can be certified based on OV's personal knowledge and any supporting declaration made by the exporter and the centre veterinarian.

II.2 refers - can be certified if the establishment is listed and approved by SAG-Chile and the establishment meets Chilean import requirements. A supporting declaration maybe required by the centre veterinarian.

<https://www.sag.gob.cl/ambitos-de-accion/importaciones-0/115/registros>

Conditions under point **II.4.1 and II.4.2** can be certified based on the approval of the collection centre and compliance with the requirements of the Import of and Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 which implements the repealed Directive 89/556.

7. **STORAGE OF EMBRYOS IN STERILISED VIALS**

Paragraph II.5.3 refers: this paragraph requires the embryos to be exported to be stored in sterilised or new containers.

8. **SEALING OF THE TRANSPORT CONTAINER**

The embryos must be secured within a cryogenic container by a tamperproof seal applied in such a way that the container cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The number on the seal must be entered at paragraph I.21 on the health certificate.

If it is necessary to top up the container, the additional liquid nitrogen used must meet the requirements of the certificate (see paragraph II.5.3). Topping up should be done in the presence of an Official Veterinarian (OV) who must apply a new tamperproof seal. The OV must endorse paragraph I.21 on the health certificate with the new seal number, giving name and signature and dating and stamping the endorsement in the margin of the certificate in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

9. **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 at Carlisle, via the link below:

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

or DAERA in the case of exports from Northern Ireland.