

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with this certificate. Nevertheless, 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 covers the permanent export of bovine meat to Chile from the UK of all parts of domestic bovine animals, including buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*) and bison (*Bison bison*), that are suitable for human consumption.

The establishment exporting from the UK **MUST** be approved by SAG-Chile.  
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When the EHC requires compliance with EU legislation this should be interpreted as UK legislation which has been retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

3. **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 \(defra.gov.uk\)](#)

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

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 Spanish language 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. Health Attestation

II.2.1 This paragraph can be certified for meat of UK origin based on the disease clearance form 618NDC received by APHA.

II.2.2.

This paragraph can be certified based on checks being made on animals slaughtered at the establishment by the food business operator, and a statement provided to this effect.

Cattle imported from third countries will have UK or other EU Member State's tags, and the date of import will be shown on the passport. This is the only place where the origin of the animal can be identified.

Cattle imported from EU member states and presented for slaughter for human consumption in the UK must be identified with a printed ear tag in each ear which shows the country code of the country from where they were imported. This includes animals that were born in a third country and were imported into the EU, as they'd have to be retagged. They should have been tagged with the importing member state's tags. Cattle imported into the UK from other third countries should also be re-tagged in the UK, unless they go directly for slaughter within 15 days of arrival.

II.2.3. This paragraph can be certified based on the food chain information reviewed by the OV and the ante-mortem inspection carried out by an OV.

II.2.4 This can be certified on the basis of a declaration from each haulier, or a declaration provided by the slaughterhouse operator having taken account of the former, that the animals have been transported to the slaughterhouse without contact with animals that do not meet Chile conditions.

II.2.5. This can be certified based on the oval mark applied to the product.

II.3.1. This can be certified based on the FSA approval of the establishment and compliance with the EU legislation which has been retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

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II.3.2. **This can be certified if the establishment is approved and listed by SAG.**

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II.4.1. This can be certified based on the oval mark applied to the product. EU legislation has been retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

## 6. 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, in Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>