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EXPORT OF BEARS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8719EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8719EHC. 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 8719EHC may be used for the export of Bears from the United Kingdom to the United Arab Emirates.

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

This certificate may be signed by an Official Veterinarian, appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government, Welsh Government, or AVI in the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA), who is an Official Veterinarian (OV) on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary)(OCQ(V)) authorisation. OVs should apply the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with an OV stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office (in GB, APHA, Centre for International Trade, Carlisle) and in the case of Northern Ireland to DAERA, Room 922 Dundonald House, Belfast, within seven days of signature.

All additional documentation requested by the importing authorities should be signed, stamped, dated by the OV if/as required to do so in accordance with any importing documentation instructions and included with the EHC.

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

IMPORT PERMIT

The exporter should obtain an import permit from the government authorities in the United Arab Emirates prior to preparing the animals for export.

3. **COMPLETING THE EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE (EHC) FORM**

Part II

(a) May be certified on the basis of Balai approval status of the establishment of origin

(b) If the treatment is carried out by a veterinary surgeon other than the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, the exporter must provide the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN with a letter or certificate from that

veterinary surgeon with details of the active ingredient, manufacturer and licence number of each treatment; what it is effective against; and the date of administration.

(c) Rabies and Leptospirosis vaccination is required. The details must be provided in the certificate. Other vaccinations may also be required. The exporter is strongly advised to check requirements with the competent authority of the importing Country well in advance of export.

(d) The rabies antibody test must be performed at a laboratory approved to perform serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines. The certified copy of the test result should be attached to the Health Certificate.

4. **WELFARE**

Welfare conditions during transport as laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005 are implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the British welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

**ENGLAND,
SCOTLAND
AND WALES**

Centre for International Trade, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX
Tel: 03000 200 301/ Fax 0208 0260 498/
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gov.uk

**NORTHERN
IRELAND**

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland, Animal Welfare Section, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB
Tel: 028 9052 4580 / Fax 028 9052 5012

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 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>