

EXPORT OR TRANSIT OF NON-DOMESTIC CARNIVORES EXPORTED FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO FRANCE - 8651EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE (NFG) FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

1. IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Certifying Officers and exporters. This NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8651EHC. 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.

2. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

This certificate may be used for export to or the transit of France with non-domestic carnivores that do not have a more specific certificate available. Those categories of carnivores that have their own bespoke certificate should travel under those specific requirements.

3. CERTIFICATION

The basic principles of certification apply. Although this certificate is not an EU level harmonised EU entry certificate, the requirements that the EU specifies for its harmonised certificates should be followed. Please note that this certificate is based on the French legislative text and the English text is therefore constricted by translation provided for that.

'EXPORTING COUNTRY'

Although the certificate has been prepopulated with UNITED KINGDOM, this certificate should and can only be issued for animals that are certified in England, Scotland and Wales (i.e. Great Britain).

'CITES EXPORT AUTHORISATION NUMBER'

Enter CITES permit reference number or enter N/A if this is not the case. You may also score this box through with a single line and from corner to corner.

I. Identification of the animal(s)

This certificate may be used for more than one animal at a time. Should the space provided not be enough, please create and include a schedule to add additional information.

'COUNTRY of origin' & 'COUNTRY of provenance'

French authorities have advised that the country of origin is the country where the animals were resident and from where they are certified for import into France. Where the animals will travel through another country en-route, this is the country of provenance. Where the transport is direct into a French Territory, only the country of origin applies.

III. Health Information

Please note that in the instances where there is not a common single-entry box across both the English and French text, both the English and the French parts must be completed.

- a. Please note that the requirements of the bullets may be read in the context of the requirement of 'at least 120 days'. Therefore, you may take the view that post mortem investigations of all animals at the establishment must only have been carried out at an authorised lab during this time prior to certification and despatch. Additionally, premises that operate under a BALAI approval and carry out PM on site by or under the supervision of the veterinarian required as part of that approval, may construe that such post mortems have been carried out in Competent Authority authorised labs.
- b. Please note that where the option to vaccinate an unvaccinated animal is exercised, that the animal may not be exported until 120 days have lapsed from 'Day 0'. This period of time does not have to be in isolation but be aware of c. no contact with rabies affected animals.

Please note that the lab report reporting the results of the neutralising antibody tests, must be included. Please provide the original documentation or a copy: OV stamps may not be used on unofficial documents such as a lab report but if the document is included as a schedule it becomes part of the certificate and must be signed and stamped. Lab reports are not required to be certified or enclosed as schedules but officials at the BCP of entry may have their own views on this.

Signature and status

Under 'Qualification', please enter your degree abbreviation and your RCVS status.

4. 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 Customer Service Centre, in Carlisle, via the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-healthagency/about/access-and-opening#specialist-service-centres-ssc>

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