

EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO TAIWAN - 6676EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 6676EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6676EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6676EHC.

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**

Export health certificate 6676EHC may be used for the export of dairy products (such as liquid milk) from the United Kingdom to Taiwan.

NOTE:

Historically, Taiwan had indicated that it is **not necessary** to have an official export health certificate for powdered milk or cheese.

Exporters are strongly advised to obtain confirmation for themselves that this is still the case, ahead of each consignment.

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

3. This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, Welsh Government or the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland, who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes or who holds the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ(V)) authorisation.

OVs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour OTHER THAN BLACK.

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to the APHA. Certifying OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address: certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: provision of certified copies

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the Department where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

4. Paragraph IV 1. may be signed on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 2017/625.
5. Paragraph IV 2. may be certified on the basis that UK legislation and the various disease orders under the Animal Health Act prohibit the sale or supply for human or animal consumption of milk from animals affected by an epizootic Office International des Epizooties listed disease.
6. **618NDC**
Paragraph IV 3 may be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office, within 10 days of shipment, on the basis that Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) (also known as Goat Plague) and Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) are notifiable in the United Kingdom.
7. Paragraph IV 5. may be certified if the milk has been treated to at least a recognised standard (e.g., pasteurisation, UHT, sterilisation) and on the basis of health marks, which demonstrate compliance with the EU food hygiene legislation.
8. Paragraph IV.7. may be certified on the basis of the OV's familiarity with procedures and precautions in place at the premises.
9. Paragraph IV 8. may be signed by an Official Veterinarian on the basis of the following:

The Food Standards Agency, in association with the UK environmental agencies, monitors food and the environment in the UK. They publish an annual report - Radioactivity in food and the Environment - which

summarises the results of monitoring. The results of this monitoring support the conclusion set out in the paragraph.

10. **ORIGINAL AND COPY: COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATES**

OVs should note that the certificates issued to them have been printed with **ORIGINAL** or **COPY** on the top of the first page. One original certificate and one signed copy bearing the same serial number must be issued for each consignment.

If during the typing/completion process a certificate is spoiled, it is not permissible to use that certificate. Spoiled sets of certificates must be returned, by the OV, to the Centre for International Trade in Carlisle, or the relevant DAERA office in the case of N. Ireland, and a replacement set requested. Replacement sets of certificates will be issued with the same serial number.

The veterinary signature on the certificate must be in blue ink. Correction fluid MUST NOT be used anywhere on the certificate. No alterations may be made to the text on the certificate.

Under date of signature at the foot of the certificate, OVs should enter the place/city where the certificate was signed.

11. **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, Carlisle or DAERA, via the link or e-mail address below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

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