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EXPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA OF HUNTING TROPHIES

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 8731EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8731EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8731EHC. 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 8731EHC may be used for the export of hunting trophies to South Africa in accordance with the requirements of a valid veterinary import permit issued by the competent South African authorities.

The relevant import permit number must be entered into the appropriate space on the first page of the certificate.

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 an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed by 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/AVIs should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV/AVI stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Specialist Service Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle, or to DAERA, within seven days of issue.

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

3. Paragraph IV: Health Information

Paragraphs IV 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 may be certified based on the certifying officer's familiarity with the origin of the source material and the establishment carrying out the treatments, on physical inspection, and on sight of any documentary evidence or supporting statements that they deem necessary to support certification.

Paragraph IV 3 may be certified based on the certifying officer's familiarity with the establishment carrying out the treatments and on the basis that the establishment is registered in accordance with the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These statutory instruments currently enforce and implement the principles and controls laid down under Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended)..

Paragraph IV 4 may be certified as follows:

The **first indent** requires that the trophies originate from an area in which anthrax is not prevalent.

If the UK is currently free from anthrax, the **first indent** may be certified provided written authority to do so has been obtained from APHA/DAERA on form 618NDC. The UK's Notifiable Disease Status may also be verified via Form ET171 at the link below prior to certification:

<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/external-operations-admin/library/documents/exports/ET171.pdf>

If there is currently an anthrax outbreak in the UK, the exporter must provide the details of the locations where the animals were hunted. Hunting trophies must come from animals hunted at locations that are not placed under movement restrictions for the control of anthrax and where there has been no case of anthrax during the 20 days prior to hunting. If these locations were not subject to any anthrax-related restrictions at the time of hunting, taking into account the 20 day incubation period for the disease, then form 618NDC may be issued to enable the certifying OV to sign the **first indent**.

If the **first indent** is to be certified, the second indent must be struck through in the usual manner.

The **second indent** requires the application of an additional treatment to the hunting trophies if the anthrax assurances referred to in the first indent cannot be complied with.

Compliance with the **second indent** may be supported by the OV's knowledge of the taxidermist's procedures and/or sight of a suitably-worded statement from the taxidermist confirming the additional treatment applied to the trophies in the consignment. Note that the treatments which do not apply should be struck through in the usual manner.

If the **second indent** is to be certified, the first indent should be struck through in the usual manner.

3. **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 (CIT) - Exports in Carlisle, via the link below:

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

In Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA trade administration team:
e-mail- tradeadminpost@dardni.gov.uk
Phone - 0289 0520989