

EXPORT OF ZOO CARNIVORES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO SOUTH AFRICA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 4765EHC may be used for the export of zoo carnivores from the United Kingdom to South Africa.

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

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

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

No animal will be allowed entry into South Africa unless an import permit has first been obtained from the Director of Animal Health, Private Bag, X138, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. This permit must accompany the animal. Failure to comply with any stipulated condition of the import permit can lead to refusal of entry.

4. **RABIES VACCINATION**

Rabies vaccination must be given at least 30 days and not more than 12 months before export or a derogation must be obtained from the Department of Agriculture Pretoria allowing importation without rabies vaccination. The use of rabies vaccine is not generally permitted in the UK but arrangements have been made for rabies vaccine to be available for animals intended for export. The owner or exporter of the animal should contact a veterinary surgeon of their choice to carry out the vaccination.

5. **USE OF NON-LICENSED MEDICAL PRODUCTS**

If the medical products required to meet the conditions of the EHC do not have a valid UK licence marketing authorisation for the species concerned, the OV may use his/her clinical judgement to operate the 'cascade principle'. The OV must be aware that the use of a pharmaceutical preparation 'off data sheet' may entail a risk and

owner of the animal should be aware of this risk and their agreement obtained before the substance is used.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official veterinarians may certify paragraph IV (c) and (i) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Customer service centre, Carlisle on form 618NDC.

As the EHC can be used to certify a range of zoo carnivores OV's are advised to that they should contact CIT requesting specific disease clearance according to the species to be exported.

7. **C.I.T.E.S**

This certificate does not provide exemption from other legislation laid down for the protection or conservation of certain wild species, e.g. the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.). Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department at the following address:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service

UK CITES Management Authority,
Centre for International Trade - Bristol
Horizon House, Deanery Road,
Bristol, BS1 5AH

Tel: +44 (0) 3000 200 301

Fax: +44 (0) 28 415 2510

Email: wildlife.licensing@apha.gov.uk

8. **Welfare**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, 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 UK 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

APHA - Customer Service Centre,
Eden Bridge House, Lowther St,
Carlisle, CA3 8DX

Tel: 03000 200301

Fax 01228 591900

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

9. **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-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade>

In Northern Ireland the exporter should contact DAERA at: DAERA, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. BT4 3SB.
Telephone: 0289 052 4580.