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EXPORT OF FISH OIL AND OTHER FISH PRODUCTS (INCLUDING SHELLFISH) TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - 6055EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 6055EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6055EHC.

The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the relevant certificate. 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

6055EHC should be used for the export of fish oil and other fish products (including shellfish), from the United Kingdom and intended for consignment to the United States of America.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

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

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

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the issuing office in GB - the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle - within seven days of signing.

The OV should keep a copy for his/her own records;
In Northern Ireland, DAERA will retain a copy of the original certificate issued by the DAERA OV.

3. IMPORT PERMIT

The US competent authority typically issues an Import Permit (IP) for food products.
It is the responsibility of the exporter to ascertain whether this is the case for any product they intend to export to the United States of America.

Where issued, the exporter must send a copy of the import permit to the certifying Official Veterinarian (OV). The OV must check that the conditions laid down on the import permit meet the requirements detailed in paragraph IV and the declaration from the manufacturer.

Where the exporter has confirmed that an IP is **not** required for the commodity being exported, the Certifying Officer may strike through the asterisked references to an IP as appropriate.

4. **PARAGRAPH IV**

This may be signed **on the basis of a declaration** from an authorised signatory of the manufacturer who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process.

The exporter must supply a declaration including exactly the same wording as the matters to be certified.

The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name/s and job title/s of those authorised to give such a declaration, and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence.

Paragraph IV (c) may be deleted if **not** required in the USDA Import Permit. Paragraph (d) may be used to certify additional requirements stated in the USDA Import Permit.

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 Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening>