

EXPORT OF PORCINE SEMEN TO GEORGIA - 7401EHC

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7401EHC. These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but should be read in conjunction with certificate 7401EHC.

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 7401EHC may be used for the export of fresh/frozen porcine semen from the United Kingdom to Georgia.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

In **England, Scotland and Wales**, this certificate must be signed by a Veterinary Officer of the Department or by an Official Veterinarian (OV) appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Scottish Government or the Welsh Government, and holding the appropriate Official Controls Qualification (Veterinary) (OCQ (V)) authorisation.

In **Northern Ireland (NI)**, this certificate must be signed by a Veterinary Officer/Inspector (VO/VI) of the Department or an Authorised Veterinary Inspector (AVI) appointed as an OV to the appropriate export panel for export purposes by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). For the purposes of these notes VOs, VIs and AVIs shall be referred to as OVs unless a specific reference is required.

OVs must sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in ink of a different colour to that of the printing.

In **England, Scotland and Wales**, a certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the APHA Centre for International Trade (CIT) at Carlisle within seven days of signing.

The OV should also keep a copy of the signed certificate and any supporting documents for at least three years after signature or receipt/dispatch of the consignment, whichever is later.

3. OBTAINING AN IMPORT PERMIT

The exporter/agent should be aware of the requirements of the importing country particularly with respect to the requirement for an import permit. The import permit number should be given in the health certificate at paragraph IV(d).

4. SCHEDULES

Parts I and II refer. Separate schedules may be used to identify the donor boars and porcine semen certified. Schedules must contain the same information as that required in Parts I and II. Parts I and II must be annotated 'See attached schedule' as appropriate. Each page of the schedule(s) must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and must be signed, dated and stamped by the OV.

The schedule(s) must be stapled inside the health certificate and the OV should 'fan' and stamp over the pages of the schedule(s) and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule(s) and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule(s) or in Parts I and II must be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. LEGAL STATEMENT - RETAINED EU LAW

Existing EU legislation, with which the UK already complies, is incorporated into UK domestic law as 'retained EU law' under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

References in guidance and certification to such EU instruments should be taken to be references to this retained EU law. Under the Withdrawal Act, the UK will ensure that current EU standards remain in force, without amendment, in the immediate months after EU exit as part of UK domestic law (apart from corrections to make the EU legislation fully operable).

6. DIRECTIVE 90/429 (as amended)

The semen collection centre must be approved by the Department in accordance with Directive 90/429 (as amended). The certifying Official Veterinarian must be fully conversant with the provisions of Directive 90/429 and any subsequent amendments, laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species.

This certificate has been drafted in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Directive for pre-entry quarantine, pre-entry testing and routine testing of donor boars, together with collection, processing and packaging of porcine semen.

OVs may certify paragraphs V(a) and V(c) - V(m), on the basis that the semen collection centre from which the exported semen originates is approved and operating in accordance with Directive 90/429.

7. NOTIFIABLE/REPORTABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

OVs may certify paragraph V(b) of the certificate on behalf of the Department, provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA CIT at Carlisle or via disease clearance procedures in DAERA.

8. DISCLAIMER

It is the responsibility of the exporter to check the certificate against any relevant import permit or advice provided by the

competent authority in the importing country, if these are available. If the permit or advice do not match the assurances provided on 8764EHC, in the case of export from Great Britain, the exporter should contact the APHA CIT at Carlisle at product.exports@apha.gov.uk or by phone at 03000 200 301.

For export from Northern Ireland, exporters should contact the DAERA Trade Administration Team for live animals and animal products by email at TradeAdminPost@daera-ni.gov.uk or by telephone 028 77442 141.