

EXPORT OF ONCORHYNCHUS MYKISS (RAINBOW TROUT) AND THEIR OVA AND FRY TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - 8784EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL INSPECTORS AND EXPORTERS

1. ****IMPORTANT**** GENERAL PROCEDURES

These notes provide guidance for certifying *Official Inspectors*, i.e., Official Veterinarians, or Fish Health Inspectors, acting on behalf of Defra or DAERA.

These notes also provide guidance for exporters.

Completion of export health certificate 8784EHC can be carried out at the place of production or at another place, such as at the airport/port of export from the UK.

These NFG should have been issued to an Official Inspector together with export health certificate 8784EHC.

The NFG must not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with export health certificate 8784EHC.

Exporters are strongly advised to obtain full details of the import requirements from importers in China, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

2. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 8784EHC must be used for the export of live breeding *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (rainbow trout), and their ova and fry, to The People's Republic of China.

3. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL INSPECTOR

8784EHC must be signed by an Official Inspector, specifically, Official Veterinarians or Fish Health Inspectors who are authorised APHA/DAERA as Certifying Officers.

In addition to this, specimen copies of the official stamps of authorised Official Inspectors carrying out the export certification must be provided to, and approved by, China before exports take place.

The Official Inspector must submit Form ET133 to provide the required information (an electronic version of the form is available from APHA Carlisle or DAERA) and must be completed and submitted electronically back to APHA Carlisle for establishments in GB and to DAERA for establishments in Northern Ireland.

APHA E-mail: LiveAnimalExports@apha.gov.uk

DAERA E-mail: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk

The Official Inspector must complete Form ET133 providing details of the Official Inspector's name, stamp, and signature to enable them to become an authorised signatory to certify the export of live aquatic animals to the Republic of China. It is important that specimen copies of all different stamps that may be used are provided, such as specimen copies of the stamp(s) of the Official Inspector or, in the case of an Official Veterinarian (OV), a specimen stamp of the OV. The specimen stamps must be fully legible and not smudged. Any numbers or characters in the stamps must be unambiguous - for example a '3' must not be a possible '8'. **The specimen stamps must be in any colour other than**

black. The ET133 form must be scanned and returned by e-mail to APHA or DAERA.

The same colour of stamp submitted to China on the ET 133 must be used for any subsequent EHC certified.

In GB, exporters should discuss with Official Inspectors how the completed form with electronic copies of stamps will be sent to APHA. The Official Inspector may wish to send the form to APHA themselves to ensure control of the use of their stamps. It is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure that the completed form has been sent to APHA.

In Northern Ireland DAERA manage this process centrally liaising with relevant parties to oversee the completion and return of the completed ET133.

APHA and DAERA will send the information on to Defra in London for onward transmission to be registered by the central authority (GACC) in China.

The list maintained in China is based on information provided to China by Defra.

At present, if additional registrations are necessary, transmissions of information to China will be made every three months. Several weeks must be allowed for the information to be registered in China and to be sent on to the local portal offices of the authorities in China (**China's** entry-exit inspection and quarantine administration (**CIQ**)). Exporters must note that this process may be delayed and that UK authorities cannot offer predictions on how long this will take since it is an internal matter for the Chinese authorities.

The exporter should ask their importer in China to check with the local CIQ office to ensure that the relevant details have been registered. It is the responsibility of the exporter to ensure that this has occurred. Only then may exports take place (but see below requirement regarding registration of exporting aquacultural farms).

4. ELIGIBILITY OF AQUACULTURE FARMS FOR EXPORT

The aquaculture farm of origin must be registered with the General Administration of Customs China (GACC). The following information is required for the purposes of registration.

XX Registered Suppliers for Breeding Aquatic Animals

序号 No.	注册登记编号 Registration number	企业名称 Enterprise name	企业地址 Enterprise Address	产品学名 (属或种) Products scientific name (Genus or species)	产品类型 Products type	捕捞海域/产区 (Fishing area/product area)
1				<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>		

Applications for listing by China should be made to APHA or to DAERA:
 APHA Centre for International Trade in Carlisle
 Tel. 03000 200 301
 E-mail: Product.Exports@APHA.gov.uk

DAERA Trade Team

5. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE

- HANDWRITTEN OR ALTERED VERSIONS OF 8784EHC ARE INVALID.

The only permitted handwritten entry on the certificate is the signature of the Official Inspector.
If necessary, where the date cannot be entered digitally in advance, the final date of certification can be entered using an inked rubber stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

The Certificate must be signed and stamped with the Official Inspector's stamp in a colour **OTHER THAN BLACK** that is identical to the colour of stamp submitted to GACC when seeking approval to certify for China fish exports.

Any authorised deletions that cannot be entered electronically or typed must be made using a ruler and a fine black pen.
Diagonal deletions must **NOT** be used.
Each line to be deleted must be ruled out providing an effect similar to that of typewritten deletions.

Certificate numbering: Each certificate will be uniquely numbered when it is issued by APHA or DAERA.

Once a certificate has been issued, a certified copy must be sent within 7 days of signature to APHA Carlisle or DAERA. The Official Inspector must keep a copy for his/her own records.
Copies should be retained for three years.

6. HEALTH INFORMATION

6.1. APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT:

Paragraph II. (1) refers:

List of registered establishments for export of Live Aquatics to China can be viewed via the following link:

<http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/dzs/2747042/3995815/3995864/3996810/2023040618365682665.zip>

Additional information can be viewed via the following:

CEFAS in England and Wales: <http://www.DEFRA.gov.uk/aahm/disease/>

Scottish Government in Scotland:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/health-status-of-fish-and-shellfish-diseases-in-scotland/>

For NI establishments: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/public-register-authorised-aquaculture-production-businesses>

6.2. DISEASE STATUS OF THE AQUACULTURE AREA/FREEDOM FROM OIE LISTED DISEASES:

Paragraph II. (2) refers:

The Official Inspector may certify this paragraph on behalf of the Department on the basis of the following guidance.

Written authority from APHA or DAERA is not required to certify this paragraph.

The Official Inspector may certify paragraph II. (2) regarding the absence of an outbreak of the OIE listed diseases which can be found at:

[Aquatic Manual Online Access - WOAHA - World Organisation for Animal Health](#))

DISEASES OF FISH	
DISEASE	OIE CHAPTER
infectious haematopoietic necrosis	Chapter 2.3.5
infection with salmonid alphavirus	Chapter 2.3.8.
viral haemorrhagic septicaemia	Chapter 2.3.10.

The Official Inspector can check the status of the listed diseases in the relevant aquaculture area by checking the appropriate website.

For GB:

CEFAS in England and Wales:
<http://www.DEFRA.gov.uk/aahm/disease/>

Scottish Government in Scotland:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/health-status-of-fish-and-shellfish-diseases-in-scotland/>

For NI:

[Aquatic disease status | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs \(daera-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

The Official Inspector should record the date and time, e.g., screenshot that the relevant website(s) was accessed as evidence to support certification.

6.3. DISEASE FREEDOM AND MONITORING OF AQUACULTURE FARM OF ORIGIN

Paragraph II. (3) refers:

Bacterial Kidney Disease

The Official Inspector may certify official registration of freedom from Bacterial Kidney Disease and ongoing targeted surveillance on the basis of Disease Clearance issued by the relevant Competent Authority.

England, Wales and Scotland

National measures and targeted surveillance for Bacterial Kidney Disease are not in place in GB. Therefore export from GB mainland using this certificate is not currently possible. **Northern Ireland** National measures and target surveillance are implemented by DAERA. Therefore certification of this attestation can be made based on disease clearance issued by DAERA on exporter application via DECOL.

Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis

The Official Inspector may certify that Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis has not been identified in the last 2 years prior to export by familiarisation with on farm testing regimes and examination of all relevant laboratory results for that period.

6.4. SURFACE DISINFECTION OF OVA

Paragraph II. (4) can be certified by the Official Inspector on the basis of familiarity with site procedures, verification of records, and inspection of establishment and export processes, prior to certification.

6.5. PATHOGEN FREE WATER

Paragraph II. (5) can be certified by the Official Inspection on the basis of examination of water testing laboratory results. The aquaculture farm of origin is required to have a regime for the testing of the water for the presence of the pathogens listed in paragraphs II.(2) & (3) of 8784EHC.

7. 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:

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

DAERA - Email: vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk