

EXPORT OF GUINEA PIGS, HAMSTERS, RATS, MICE AND GERBIL FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO MEXICO

HEALTH CERTIFICATE - NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

1. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 6058EHC may be used for the export of guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, mice and gerbil from Great Britain to Mexico.

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

This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department or National Assembly For Wales who is on the appropriate panel for export purposes. OVs should affix the OV stamp to the certificate in the normal manner.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with LVI stamp in any ink colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be sent to the local Divisional Veterinary Manager on the day of issue.

3. **POST IMPORT CONDITIONS**

The importer in Mexico is required to submit a letter to the Direccion General de Salud Animal, signed by the responsible veterinarian at the importing laboratory, undertaking to notify the Direccion General immediately if any change is observed in the health status of the imported animals within 30 days of their arrival.

4. **DISCLAIMER**

The Departmental disclaimer (Form 372DMR) will be issued to the exporter with this certificate for his/her information. The 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 live animal export section of the International Trade Unit at 1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ, Tel 0207 904 6343, Fax 0207 904 6428.

5. **WELFARE AND TRANSPORTATION**

Paragraphs IV (c) refers. Exporters are advised that animals must be transported in accordance with Council Directive 91/628/EEC. Vehicles and transport arrangements which conform to the requirements of the Welfare of Animals during Transport Order 1997 meet the standards set out in Council Directive 91/628/EEC. Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Department at any of the offices listed below.

ENGLAND

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Animal Welfare Section
1A Page Street, London SW1P 4PQ
Tel: 020 7904 6581 / Fax: 020 7904 6961

SCOTLAND

The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs
Animal Welfare Section
Pentland House, 47 Robb's Loan, Edinburgh EH14 1TW
Tel: 0131 556 8400 ext 6181 / Fax: 0131 244 6616

WALES

National Assembly for Wales
Animal Welfare Section
Cathays park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ
Tel: 01222 823593 / Fax: 01222 823352

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