

No:

EXPORT OF CAPTIVE OR WILD MAMMALS OTHER THAN PETS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8697EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8697EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 8697EHC may be used for the export of captive or wild mammals other than pets from United Kingdom to the Republic of Korea.

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

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 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 or 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.

All additional documentation requested by the importing authorities should be signed, stamped, dated by the OV if/as required to do so in accordance with any importing documentation instructions and included with the EHC.

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

3. **IMPORT PERMIT**

The exporter should obtain a permit from the importing authorities prior to making arrangements to export the animal.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND QUARANTINE FACILITIES**

Paragraph IV(d) refers. The establishment of origin must be approved by the approved by the head of the animal quarantine agency of the Republic of Korea.

Following establishment approval by the Republic of Korea, APHA (or the relevant UK competent authority/Devolved Administration) must designate the pre-export quarantine facility following an inspection by a government veterinary officer. After approval, the supervision of the quarantine facility may be undertaken by an Official

Veterinarians who hold the relevant official qualification for export certification.

Pre-export quarantine facilities must meet the following requirements set by the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA), South Korea:

Animals for export (excluding pets) shall be isolated at the quarantine facility designated by the government of the exporting country for at least 30 days and inspected by a government veterinary officer. During the export quarantine period, the animals must show no clinical signs or symptoms of contagious diseases. Also, they should not contact with other animals except for animals for export once the export quarantine procedures are initiated.

Export quarantine facilities, containers, vehicles and storage areas in vessels and aircraft used to transport animals for export shall be disinfected with disinfectants approved by the government of the exporting country before the entry of the animals or before use.

Export quarantine facilities, equipment, machinery and the environment are regularly inspected and should be washed and disinfected before and after use.

Suggested checklist for approval (for use by APHA)

1. Name and address of the facility
2. Name and position of person responsible for the management of the quarantine.
3. Name of the appointed superintendent/approved quarantine veterinarian
4. Map of quarantine area, showing relation to other enclosures and whole of the park, and entry points
5. Description of perimeter fence - how is it escape/entry proof and how is nose to nose contact prevented? The perimeter fence or wall must be designed and constructed to prevent:
 - i. the escape of animals in quarantine
 - ii. the unauthorised entry of persons.
6. Animals in the quarantine facility:
 - i. list individually - species, sex, age, name/ID (specify any markings)
 - ii. movement records for the quarantine facilities (for animals and personnel)
7. Wildlife access to the area - how is it prevented or minimised?
8. Description of procedures for:
 - i. feeding and watering animals in the quarantine

- ii. health and welfare monitoring (operating procedures and records)
- iii. access to the quarantine area (list nominated staff (name, role) and vehicles with access to quarantine area, expected frequency of access, log of people or vehicles accessing quarantine area and applied biosecurity protocols (e.g. dedicated personal protective equipment, cleansing and disinfection procedures).

5. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV (b) and IV(c) (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.

6. **CLINICAL INSPECTION**

Paragraph IV(k) refers. The examination may be performed by an Official Veterinarian who holds the relevant official qualification for export certification.

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
E-mail: wildlife.licensing@apha.gov.uk**

8. **WELFARE**

Welfare conditions during transport as laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005 are 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 British 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**

Centre for International Trade, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Eden Bridge House, Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DX
Tel: 03000 200 301/ Fax 0208 0260 498/
E-mail: CentralOps.carlisle@apha.gov.uk

NORTHERN

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural

IRELAND

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 Centre for International Trade, 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>