

**EXPORT OF ANIMALS OF THE PORCINE SPECIES FOR BREEDING OR PRODUCTION TO THE ISLE OF MAN**

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**Notes for Guidance of Official Veterinarians and Exporters**

**Associated Documents:** 6964EHC

**1. Scope**

This certificate must be used for pigs for breeding or production exported from the premises of origin to their destination in the Isle of Man. One certificate should be issued for each consignment of animals, i.e. for animals travelling from one premises of origin to the same place of destination in one vehicle (a lorry with separate trailer counts as two vehicles).

Exporters are strongly advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities in Isle of Man, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

**2. Certification by an Official Veterinarian (OV)**

All animals to be exported must have remained on the holding of origin for a continuous period of 30 days or since birth. Official Veterinarians (OVs) should obtain a written declaration from the owner/owner's agent which includes the information set out in paragraph V. 2 of 6964EHC.

This certificate remains valid for 10 days following the date of the health inspection carried out in the premises of origin and referred to in section III (b) of 6964EHC.

Paragraphs V. 3. & 5 of 6964EHC. And sections 5, 6, 9 & 13 on the checklist can be certified based on a 618 NDC issued by the Specialist Service Centre for International Trade, Carlisle

Paragraph V. 4 of 6964EHC. The Official Veterinarian should be familiar with Directive 64/432/EEC (as amended) in respect of the requirements relating to intra-Union trade. **The applicable conditions will have been met and this section can be certified if all the answers to the checklist, are 'Yes'.**

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

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

**Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland**

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed and only specific certified copies are required to be returned to APHA. Certifying

OVs must return a certified copy of EHCs only for the following EHC types:

- if the exported commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids;
- if the certificate was applied for manually and the application documents have been emailed to APHA and not applied for via the Exports Health Certificates Online (EHCO) system.

Certified copies should be emailed on the day of signature to the Centre for International Trade Carlisle (CITC) at the following address:  
[certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk](mailto:certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk).

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHCO system, the Certifying OV must complete the certifier portal with the status of the certificate and the date of signature.

A copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified must be retained for two years.

Certifying OVs are not required to return certified copies of other EHCs issued, however CITC may request certified copies of EHCs and supporting documentation in order to complete Quality Assurance checks or if an issue arises with the consignment after certification.

#### **DAERA Export Health Certificates: provision of certified copies**

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs must return a legible, scanned copy of the final EHC to the relevant DAERA Processing Office within 1 working day of signing.

Good quality photographic copies will be accepted by the Department where obtaining a scanned copy is not feasible - for example, where 'on site' certification is undertaken and scanning facilities are not available.

For record purposes, a copy of the final Export Health Certificate and associated Support documents should be retained by the aPVP for a period of 2 years from the date of certification.

The Department will carry out periodic audits of all aspects of export certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

### **3. 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:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

DAERA - Email: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)

### **4. Welfare**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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Exporters must comply with the UK 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.

Further information on OIE and IATA transport recommendations may be obtained from the following offices;

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland

Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB

DAERA Helpline number 0300 200 7852

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