

EXPORT OF BREEDING PIGS TO VIETNAM - 3330EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS

1. IMPORT PERMIT

British exporters and Vietnamese importers will need to obtain an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Department of Animal Health (DAH) for the export / import of breeding pigs from the UK to Vietnam. Contacts details for further guidance are as follows:

Department of Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
2 Ngoc Ha St, Hanoi
Tel: +(84-4) 7341228
Fax: +(84-4) 8433637
Website: www.mard.gov.vn
Contact person: Mr Hoang Kim Giao, Deputy Director

Department of Animal Health
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Phuong Mai, Dong Da, Hanoi
Tel: +(84-4) 8696788 / 8687151
Fax: +(84-4) 8691311 / 8686339
Email: dah.vn@fpt.vn
Website: www.mard.gov.vn/dah
Contact person: Mr Pham Van Dong, Chief of Animal Inspection & Quarantine Section
email: dongdah@yahoo.com

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

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 should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

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 the 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.

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHC 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. OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

Paragraph I refers. All pigs must be identified in accordance with The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 1995 (as amended), with an ear tag or tattoo bearing the letters "UK" and the official herd mark of the holding on which the mark is applied (which need not necessarily be the premises from which the pigs are being exported if pigs were marked on a previous holding). The mark should also include an individual animal number which in the case of an eartag should be prefixed by the letter "P".

Official Veterinarians must be satisfied that each animal is individually identified in accordance with the schedule to the health certificate. This may be done by reading the identification marks personally, or by having the ear numbers read by someone in the employment of the veterinary practice and under the direction of the certifying veterinarian, or by the Official Veterinarian or an employee of the veterinary practice supervising the marking of the animals to be exported. The terms "direction" and "supervision" are defined in the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct.

4. SCHEDULES

Paragraph I refers. A separate schedule may be used to identify the animals certified. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph I and paragraph I must be annotated "See Attached Schedule". Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed,

dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any blank spaces in the schedule or in paragraph I should be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. **OFFICIAL DISEASE CLEARANCES**

The Official Veterinarian may certify paragraphs IV(a) - IV(c) and, in the case of pigs exported from Great Britain, paragraph IV(i) (i) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the local Divisional Veterinary Manager on Form 618NDC.

6. **PREMISES FREEDOM FROM OTHER DISEASES**

Paragraphs IV(d) and IV(e) refer. Official Veterinarians should take into account their personal knowledge of the disease status of the premises of origin, if necessary with the support of an owners declaration confirming freedom from certain diseases. Certifying Official Veterinarians should also carry out appropriate checks of the farm records including use of medicines, fertility and birth records to verify freedom from the named diseases.

With regard to paragraph IV(d), 'case' means a confirmed diagnosis of any of the diseases named in this paragraph.

7. **SUBMISSION OF TESTS TO GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES**

In Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA) Laboratory, Weybridge (Tel: 01932 375335). Some tests are carried out at VLA Lasswade Unit (Tel: 0131 445 6169). Certain specialist tests are performed at Regional VLA laboratories.

In Northern Ireland, the majority of pre-export testing is carried out at the Veterinary Sciences Division, Stormont, Belfast (Tel: 028 9052 0011)

For operational reasons the laboratories involved may change periodically. If in doubt, VLA or VSD should be contacted to establish to which laboratory samples should be sent for testing and

to obtain advice on procedures for collection and dispatch of samples for testing. Samples should be submitted in good time to allow reports to be received in advance of the export date.

In the case of pre-export testing of large numbers of animals making up an export consignment, laboratories should be given the maximum period of notice possible for receipt of samples.

8. **TESTING FOR ATROPHIC RHINITIS**

Paragraph IV(g) refers - the Official Veterinarian should submit samples to VLA Bury St Edmunds for testing for toxigenic strains of *Pasteurella multocida* and identify samples as being for export purposes.

In order to give a valid result, take samples from pigs **which have not**
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received antibiotic treatment. Take a deep nasal swab avoiding gross contamination at the nasal opening. Wire shafted swabs (e.g. Medical Wire Equipment Co.: MW172c) are preferred.

Amies Charcoal medium is recommended as a transport medium, although saline is acceptable. Submit samples to arrive at the laboratory within 24 hours of sampling, avoiding weekends, holidays etc. Maintain swabs at a low temperature (4°C), e.g. send on ice in a leak-proof container.

The address to send the samples is as follows:

VLA Bury St Edmunds, Rougham Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 2RX,
Telephone: 01284 724499, Fax: 01284 724500.

9. TRANSPORT TO DESTINATION

Paragraph IV(m) refers. The certifying Official Veterinarian must obtain the written declaration as described. The name of the disinfectant and the dilution used must also be entered in this paragraph.

The design of the containers, the recommended species requirements, and preparation for transport must be in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE International Animal Health Code and International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations.

For further information on OIE recommendations, exporters and Official Veterinarians should contact the International Animal Health Division on 020 7904 6343. For further information on IATA Regulations, exporters and Official Veterinarians should contact the DVM or Animal Welfare Division at the address stated below.

10. WELFARE

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team
Centre for International Trade

Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

11. 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>

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