

EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO HONDURAS

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance (NFG) should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3903EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3903EHC. 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. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA;
- Animals must be examined by the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN, not more than 48 hours prior to export;
- Animals must have been resident in the UK for at least six months prior to export, or since birth;
- Limited ports of entry;
- Vaccination against rabies;
- Vaccination of dogs against canine parvovirus, canine hepatitis and distemper;
- Vaccination of cats against feline enteritis.

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, the Scottish Government or Welsh Government, 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 any ink 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 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.

3. RABIES VACCINATION

The Honduran veterinary authorities require vaccination not less than 60 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. A rabies vaccination certificate must be completed by the veterinary surgeon who administers the vaccine.

4. **OTHER VACCINATIONS**

The Honduran veterinary authorities also require animals to have the following vaccinations:

dogs only: canine parvovirus, canine hepatitis and distemper

cats only: feline enteritis

The vaccinations must be carried out not less than 60 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. Vaccination certificates must be attached to the export health certificate.

5. **PORTS OF ENTRY**

Dogs and cats entering (and leaving) Honduras may only do so via certain designated ports:

- i) Puerto Cortes, Department of Cortes
- ii) La Ceiba and Tela, Department of Atlantida
- iii) Frontier airport of San Pedro Sula, Department of Cortes
- iv) Juticalpa, Department of Orlando
- v) Tegucigalpa, Department of Francisco Morazan
- vi) Amapala and Armatillo, Department of Lempira
- vii) Guarita, Mapulaca and Virginia, Department of Lempira
- viii) Agua Caliente and Santa Fe, Department of Ocotepeque

Other ports may be authorised by the Secretariat for Natural Resources in Honduras at the request of the importer.

6. **RESIDENCY IN GREAT BRITAIN**

We understand that the veterinary authorities in Honduras require animals to have been resident in Great Britain for six months prior to the export, or since birth. Exporters must provide the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN with a written declaration to this effect. The declaration must also state that it is the owner's intention to export the animal from Great Britain.

7. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS may certify country freedom from rabies provided written authority to do so has been obtained for the issuing office on form 618NDC.

8. **WELFARE DURING TRAVEL**

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

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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, Carlisle, via the link below:

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