

**EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO SINGAPORE**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7106EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7106EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 7106EHC must be used for the export of dogs and cats from the United Kingdom to Singapore.

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, 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 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](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. **OBTAINING IMPORT PERMIT**

The exporter or his agent must apply for an import permit from the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) at least 30 days prior to arrival of the animal(s).

Information can be found on the AVA website at:

<http://www.ava.gov.sg/>

<http://www.ava.gov.sg/AVA/Templates/AVA-GenericContentTemplate.aspx?NRMODE=Published&NRNODEGUID=%7bA17F6A0D-7A46-497E-B0CB-CDBD8C325B52%7d&NRORIGINALURL=%2fAnimalsPetSector%2fImportExportTransOfAnimalRelatedPrd%2fPetsPersonal%2f&NRCACHEHINT=Guest#vetcond>

4. **MICROCHIP NUMBER**

Paragraph I. and IV. a) refer. The animal intended for export MUST be fitted with a microchip and the number must be written clearly in the Identification of the Animal box at paragraph I, as well as on the vaccination certificate.

The microchip used must meet with ISO (International Standards Organisation) Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO Standard 11785. Non-ISO compatible chips may not be capable of being read by the microchip readers used by the Singapore authorities and therefore the exporter/agent MUST provide a reader which is able to read the identification code of the implanted microchip at the point of entry into Singapore.

5. **RESIDENCY**

Paragraph IV. b) refers. The owner/exporter must provide to the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN a written declaration stating that the animal has been continuously resident in the United Kingdom:-

i) since birth, **or**

ii) continuously resident in Great Britain/Northern Ireland or in other countries listed in category A\* for a minimum period of six months prior to export, and is not under quarantine restriction at the time of export

iii) since being imported directly from Singapore.

\*Singapore defines Category A countries to be Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, and the United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE - 618NDC**

Paragraph IV. c) refers. This paragraph may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided he/she has received written

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authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle and in Northern Ireland by the relevant issuing office).

7. **VACCINATION**

Paragraphs IV. d) and e) refer. Depending on the age of the animal at the time of export, the relevant paragraph should be completed. The original vaccination record for each animal must accompany it to Singapore. The vaccination record must show:

- a) microchip number for the animal
- c) name of the veterinarian
- d) name and address of veterinary practice
- e) All vaccinations must be carried out by a veterinarian as Singapore will only accept vaccination certificates issued by veterinarians.

8. **TREATMENT FOR EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL PARASITES**

Paragraphs IV. f) and g) refer. The date of treatments, name of product and active ingredient of the licensed product used must be stated on the export health certificate.

9. **BREEDS OF DOGS NOT PERMITTED TO BE EXPORTED TO SINGAPORE**

Paragraph IV. h) refers. The following breeds of dog/cat and their crosses are not allowed to be imported into Singapore:

Pit Bull (which includes the American Pit Bull Terrier also known as the American Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Bulldog, and crosses between them and with other breeds), Neapolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Akita, Dogo Argentino, Boerboel, Fila Brasileiro, Perro de Prensa Canario and their crosses, Bengal and Savannah cat crosses of 4th generation and below.

Exporters should check their import permits prior to export, in case of any further requirements which may be placed on their dogs, once resident in Singapore.

10. **TRANSPORTATION**

The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport for his/her animal meet the standards laid down by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), if travelling by air. He/she should ask the transporting airline to confirm this, and if necessary provide a copy of the relevant conditions.

11. **DECLARATION FROM THE MASTER/CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP/AIRCRAFT**

The animal intended for export must also be accompanied by a signed declaration from the master/captain of the ship/aircraft in which the animal is being carried, stating that:

- i. the dog/cat had been embarked or emplaned in one of the Category A countries;
- ii. no dog or cat from any other country was permitted aboard or carried in the ship or aircraft during the time that the dog or cat to which the declaration refers was on board the ship or aircraft;
- iii. the dog or cat had not been landed at any intermediate port outside the country of export. In the case of an aircraft, if the dog or cat was landed, the dog or cat had been conveyed in a crate and remained within the precincts of the airport at which the aircraft landed.

Prior permission from Singapore Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) is required should there be a change of aircraft carrying the animal.

A model template of the "Captain's Declaration" can be accessed through the AVA website address mentioned earlier in these notes for guidance.

12. **NOTIFICATION ON ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE**

The exporter/agent must contact the Quarantine Office, mentioned in the import permit, at least five (5) working days before arrival of the animal. On arrival in Singapore, the dog/cat and documents (Import Licence, export health certificate 7106EHC, vaccination certificate and the Captain's declaration) must be presented to the authorised Veterinary Officer of Singapore. The dog/cat will be examined and provided it is found to be healthy, and documents are in order, it will be released to the exporter/agent.

13. **QUARANTINE**

Quarantine will not be imposed if all the regulations are complied with and the animals are clinically healthy on arrival. However, if any animal is not healthy or if any document is not in order, or quarantine space is unavailable, the animal shall be returned to the country of export, detained for up to two weeks for observation, or destroyed at the discretion of the Director-General of Agri-Food and Veterinary Services.

14. **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

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Lowther Street, Carlisle

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Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301

E-mail: [WIT@apha.gov.uk](mailto:WIT@apha.gov.uk)

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

15. **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)

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