

EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO KOREA - 8576EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

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 8576EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8576EHC. 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 8576EHC may be used for the export of dairy or products containing dairy for human consumption to the republic of Korea. A copy certificate - 8576COP - is also required to be completed (see paragraph 7 below).

2. PRE-EXPORT APPROVAL

Note that exporters and producers **must apply for premises approval** from the competent authority of South Korea before they are permitted to export dairy products to South Korea. Please contact exports@apha.gov.uk for an application form and further guidance on the application process. Completion and certification of an EHC does not replace the requirement for pre-export approval.

3. 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 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 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.

4. Section 1-2 - Product Information

Origin of Product

This should be completed with the country of origin of the product to be exported

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This should be completed with the UK approval number of the processing plant.

Type of heat treatment

The box corresponding to the type of heat treatment applied to the product should be ticked.

5. Section 2 - Details of Products

If necessary, a separate schedule may be used to identify the consignment. The schedule must contain the same information as that required in Section 2 of the certificate and this section 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 rows on the health certificate or appended schedule should be scored through with diagonal lines.

6. Section 3 - Health Declaration

Clause 1: This clause can be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the manufacturing facility, the products to be exported, and on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 852/2004 and 853/2004.

The mentioned sanitary regulations can be certified provided there is evidence that the products have been, packaged, handled, and prepared for shipping in a manner that should reasonably prevent contamination.

Clause 2: This clause can be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the manufacturing facility and the products to be exported, and on sight of relevant supporting documentation as required.

Clause 3: This clause can be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the product and packaging methods.

Clause 4: This clause can be certified on sight of the finished product displaying the required labelling.

7. OVs should note that the certificates issued to them have been printed with **ORIGINAL** or **COPY** on the top of the first page. One original certificate and one signed copy bearing the same serial number must be issued for each consignment.

If, during the typing/completion process, a certificate is spoiled, it is not permissible to use that certificate. Spoiled sets of certificates must be returned to the Centre for International Trade in Carlisle and a replacement set requested.

The veterinary signature on the certificate must be in a colour other than black. **Correction fluid MUST NOT be used anywhere on the certificate.**

8. 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