

No:

EXPORT OF CATS AND DOGS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

NOTES FOR THE 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 6592EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6592EHC. 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 6592EHC may be used for the export of cats and dogs from the United Kingdom to Antigua and Barbuda.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV)

3. 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.

4. IMPORT PERMIT

An import permit is required to export cats and dogs to Antigua and Barbuda. The permit may be obtained from:

Veterinary and Livestock Division,
PO Box 1282,
Friars Hill Road,
St John's,
Antigua
Tel.: 001 268 460 1759,
Fax.: 001 268 462 6104,
Email: vld@ab.gov.ag

5. **NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL**

Exporters should notify the Veterinary & Livestock Division at least 48 hours prior to the estimated time of arrival into Antigua and Barbuda, on:

Tel.: 001 268 460 1759,
Fax.: 001 268 462 6104,
Email: vld@ab.gov.ag

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph IV b) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from Specialist Service Centre Exports on form 618NDC.

7. **TREATMENT**

Paragraphs IV (f) and (g) refer. Only licensed products may be used.

EHRlichia CANIS AND LYME DISEASE

Official Veterinarians may delete paragraphs IV (c) and (d) provided they are satisfied that the competent authority of Antigua and Barbuda do not require testing for Ehrlichia canis or Lyme disease. We strongly recommend that Official Veterinarians check the import permit / import requirements prior to making the deletions.

8. **CAT VACCINATIONS**

Paragraph IV (e) refers. In the case of a cat not having been vaccinated against Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), it is recommended that "Not Vaccinated" be entered in the box alongside the name of the disease. This would fall within Antigua's requirement **"for cats, please include testing results, vaccinations and any relevant history regarding FIP, FeLV, FIV"**.

9. **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.

10. 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