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**EXPORT OF ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS/FEED INGREDIENTS (including petfood)
CONTAINING VITAMIN A DERIVED FROM PORCINE GELATINE, OR VITAMINS
COATED WITH PORCINE GELATINE, OR VITAMIN D3 DERIVED FROM SHEEP WOOL
GREASE AS THE ONLY ANIMAL ORIGIN INGREDIENTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA - 7414EHC**

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 7414EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7414EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7414EHC. 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

This certificate may be used for the export to the United States of America of animal feedingstuffs or ingredients for the manufacture of animal feedingstuffs which do not contain any animal-derived material other than porcine gelatine, vitamin A derived from porcine gelatine or vitamin D3 manufactured wool grease or lanolin obtained from sheep.

This certificate is intended to satisfy the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) APHIS. Other Government Departments /Agencies (eg FDA) may have their own requirements which also have to be fulfilled.

2. CERTIFICATION BY FULL TIME SALARIED OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (VETERINARY OFFICER)

This certificate may be signed by a full time Veterinary Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, National Assembly for Wales, or equivalent in the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Northern Ireland.

Veterinary Officers should sign and stamp the health certificate with their official stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

A certified copy of the completed certificate must be retained by the Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle.

3. Paragraph IV must be completed to accurately reflect the USDA import requirements and the source of these, including any relevant reference number, date of issue and issuing body. Any unused spaces should be struck through and initialled.

The import permit will be typically headed 'United States Veterinary Permit for Importation and Transportation of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors'. Under the 'Restrictions and precautions for transporting and handling materials and all derivatives' should appear one or more

paragraphs in the following form:

'Each shipment must be accompanied by an ORIGINAL certificate endorsed by a full time salaried veterinarian of the agency responsible for animal health of the GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM certifying that {matters to be certified}. [This certification must CLEARLY correspond to the shipment by means of an invoice number, shipping marks, lot number or other identification method.]'

4. On occasion, the USDA may not deem it necessary to issue a specific import permit for certain products. In such cases, the requirements for veterinary certification may be laid out/specified in standard APHIS guidelines or contained within correspondence directed specifically to the importer. Reference should therefore be made to this information when no USDA import permit is available and a copy attached to the certificate.
5. If there is not enough room for all the necessary information relating to the consignment on the certificate, please continue on additional sheets. In such cases, the paragraphs in question should then be annotated "Continued on the attached additional schedule(s)". Each page of the additional schedule should bear a page number and the health certificate number, and must be stamped, signed and dated. The schedule(s) must be stapled with the certificate and the certifying official should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule(s) and certificate. One corner of the schedule(s) and certificate should be folded over and stamped also. Any unused/blank spaces at these paragraphs and/or on the schedules should be deleted with diagonal lines.
6. Paragraph IV may be signed on the basis of a declaration from an authorised signatory of the manufacturer and by reference to a valid United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) import permit.

The manufacturer must supply a declaration including exactly the same wording as the matters to be certified. This must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process. This person would ideally be a registered veterinarian who is familiar with the manufacturing plant and is able to carry out any necessary documentary checks. If the declaration is not signed by a registered veterinarian, the managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

Where possible, supporting evidence (for example, health certificates for raw materials showing their country of origin, treatment records, etc.) should be called for and put on file.

It is vital that the text in the manufacturer's declaration and the text inserted in Paragraph IV is identical to the conditions stated in the import permit. In case of doubt the Specialist Service Centre - Exports, in Carlisle should be consulted.

The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated".

7. **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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