

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 2909EHC, 2909MAS, 618NDC and 372DMR.

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export Health Certificate 2909EHC may be used for the export of dogs and cats exported to the Falkland Islands from the United Kingdom.

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 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.

DAERA Export Health Certificates: Provision of certified copies

aPVPs certifying DECOL produced Export Health Certificates 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. IMPORT PERMIT

No animal may be imported into the Falkland Islands without a current import licence issued by the Department of Agriculture, Falkland Islands.

Applications stating the number of animals, individual identification (microchip number), species, breed, age, sex (including the pregnancy status where applicable), the method of transport, the route to be taken and the proposed date 2909NFG (Cleared 16/02/2022) (Revised 12/10/2023)

of import into the Falkland Islands must be made in writing to:

Senior Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Falkland Islands
Government, Stanley, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic Ocean, FIOQ 1ZZ (Fax: 00
500 27352)

4. TRANSPORTATION, MASTER'S CERTIFICATE AND POST-IMPORT QUARANTINE

The transporting vessel must travel direct from the United Kingdom to the Falkland Islands.

During transportation, a Master's certificate must be signed by the Master or First Officer of the transporting vessel before the animal is allowed to disembark. 2909MAS (01/04/2008) form is enclosed.

A minimum period of 14 days house quarantine may be required on arrival.

5. RESIDENCY

Paragraph **IV. c)** refers. This paragraph may be certified provided written declarations have been obtained from the owner/exporter. OVs should retain copies of these declarations for record purposes.

6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE

Paragraph **IV. d)** refers. This paragraph may be certified provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

7. TREATMENT

Paragraph **IV. e), f) (ii) and g) (iv)** refer. Only licensed products may be used.

8. VACCINATIONS

Paragraphs **IV. f) (i), and g) (i)** refer. The animal must be fully vaccinated in accordance with manufacturer's instructions with either a completed primary course of vaccination or latest booster vaccination. If two doses of vaccine are recommended as a primary course, the primary course must be completed by administering the second dose of vaccine not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. The dates of the vaccinations must be recorded by the OV in the table provided, as the information will be used to decide how soon after arrival re-vaccination should be carried out. Only licensed vaccines may be used.

9. TESTING - FOR CATS

Paragraphs **IV. g) (ii) and (iii)** refer. Samples for *feline leukaemia* and *feline infectious peritonitis* (coronavirus) testing must be sent to the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, (VLA), Weybridge (or equivalent in Northern Ireland).

The samples should be submitted to the laboratory, in clearly labelled, sealed containers, as soon as possible after collection. All samples should be labelled with the owner name and the animal's name or microchip number if applicable. Samples should be submitted to the laboratory allowing sufficient time for tests to be reported before the date of export. For further details on blood sampling and testing, OVs should contact the sample reception area at VLA Weybridge on Tel: 01932-357-335 (or equivalent in Northern Ireland).

10. PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY (PRA)

In case of entire dogs of breeding age that are destined to work as sheep dogs, the owner/exporter would have to provide, on arrival to the Falkland Islands, a certificate issued under the British Veterinary Association/Kennel Club/International Sheep Dog Society (BVA/KC/ISDS) Eye Scheme stating that the dog has tested negative for PRA.

More information including the list of BVA appointed eye panellists who conduct the eye testing and can issue certificates under the Scheme can be found on the following website: http://www.bva.co.uk/public/chs/eye_scheme.aspIn

11. 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
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.

12. 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