

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

In relation to 6022EHCEHC titled:
VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTATION OF TREATED HIDES AND SKINS OF UNGULATES TO THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

Associated Documents: 6022EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6022EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6022EHC. 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 Turkey of ungulate hides and skins which have been subjected to one of the treatments described under either paragraph II.2 of the certificate.

For the purposes of this document, the following legislative references will be used:

- **retained Regulation (EC) 142/2011** refers to Regulation (EC) 142/2011 as last amended 8th December 2020, and published at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2011/142#>
- **retained Regulation (EC) 1069/2009** refers to Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 as last amended 14th December 2019, and published at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2009/1069#>

The principles and controls laid down under the **retained Regulation (EC) 1069/2009** and the **retained Regulation (EC) 142/2011** continue to be enforced and implemented by the **Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013** (as amended) and by equivalent legislation in force in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

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**.

Foreign text: The Official Veterinarian should note that the foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text and the Official Veterinarian is accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if they are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text.

Any spaces in the foreign text must be left blank and English wording must not be entered. However, if the Official

Veterinarian is able to read and write the foreign text and if facilities are available to enter the foreign text in type, the Official Veterinarian can enter the information where appropriate.

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. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT

I.2a - intentionally struck through.

I.3 - Central Competent Authority

This should be completed with "Defra".

I.4 - Local Competent Authority

For exports from Great Britain, this should be completed with "**Animal and Plant Health Agency**" or "**APHA**".

For exports from Northern Ireland, this should be completed with "**Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**" or "**DAERA**".

I.6 - intentionally struck through.

I.7 - Country of origin and ISO Code

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for the whole of the **United Kingdom** is "**GB**" and this should be entered at **Box I.7**.

I.8 - Region of origin

This paragraph may usually be struck through.

However, if the UK and the product fall within the scope of emergency disease control legislation laid down by the importing authorities then this paragraph should be completed with the appropriate region names and ISO codes if these are specified under such emergency legislation.

In these cases, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade (CIT) in Carlisle or DAERA in Northern Ireland should be consulted for further specific guidance.

I.9 - Country of destination and ISO Code

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

The ISO Code for **Turkey** is "**TR**" and should be entered at **Box I.9**.

I.10 - intentionally struck through.

I.11 - Place of origin

This relates to the establishment responsible for treating the hides and skins in the consignment.

The establishment must be approved or registered in accordance with the **Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013** (as amended) or with parallel legislation in force in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These statutory instruments currently enforce and implement the principles and controls laid down under the **retained Regulation (EC) 1069/2009**.

The approval or registration number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval document or by reference to the responsible local APHA or DAERA office. OVs should enter the relevant approval or registration number in addition to the address of the premises of origin.

I.12 - intentionally struck through.

I.13 - Place of loading

The place of loading or the point of embarkation must be entered.

I.14 - Date of departure

The date of departure must be entered.

I.15 - Means of transport

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated. The option 'Other' is not applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected. The flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as the means of identification as appropriate.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

Optionally, the number of the airway bill, bill of lading, or the commercial number of the train or road vehicle may be entered as the documentary reference.

I.16 - Entry BIP in TÜRKİYE

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the destination country and this must be entered.

I.17 - intentionally struck through.

I.18 - Description of commodity

A veterinary description of the goods or a description based on the applicable HS Code (see below) must be entered. For clarity, proprietary or brand names should be avoided.

I.19 - HS Code

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics. The most appropriate HS Code, as listed in the footnote of the certificate, should be entered in **Box I.19**:

- 41.01** Raw hides and skins of bovine (including buffalo) or equine animals (fresh, or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise preserved, but not tanned, parchment-dressed or further prepared), whether or not dehaired or split;
- 41.02** Raw skins of sheep or lambs (fresh, or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise preserved, but not tanned, parchment-dressed or further prepared), whether or not with wool on or split, other than those excluded by note 1(c) to this chapter;
- 41.03** Other raw hides and skins (fresh, or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise preserved, but not tanned, parchment-dressed or further prepared), whether or not dehaired or split, other than those excluded by note 1(b) or 1(c) to this chapter.

Further information on HS Codes can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>

Note: Not all products covered by the above HS Codes are eligible for export under this certificate.

The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used

correctly describes the products being consigned.

I.20 - Quantity of Product

Insert the total gross and net weights in Kg.

I.21 - Temperature of products

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature is ambient, chilled or frozen.

I.22 - Number of packages

Insert the number of packages in the consignment.

I.23 - Seal/container No.

Exporters are advised to check with the competent authority of the importing country if there are seal number requirements for their consignment. If applicable, please indicate all the identification numbers of the seals and containers.

Exporters are reminded that Turkish legislation is prepared in parallel with Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, which on Annex XIV, Chapter II, Section 4, point 4 requires consignments of hides and skins to be sealed under the responsibility of the competent authority of the country of dispatch.

I.24 - Type of packaging

Enter the type of packaging in the space provided.

I.25 - Commodities certified for

Indicate the intended use of the product, taking into account any guidance which may be provided in the footnote of the certificate.

I.26 - intentionally struck through.

I.27 - For import or admission into Türkiye

The box should be ticked to confirm that this is an import or admission as opposed to transshipment.

I.28 - Identification of the commodities

For the purposes of this certificate, the species referred to in the 1st column of **Box I.28** refers to the species from which the products were derived.

If the consignment consists of several different types of products then it may be necessary to use a separate schedule to identify the full consignment. The schedule must, as a minimum, contain the same information as that required in **Box I.28** of the certificate and this box 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 spaces in the schedule or in **Box I.28** should be deleted with diagonal lines.

Further to the guidance for **paragraph I.11** above, OVs should enter the relevant approval number of the manufacturing plant in addition to the other required information.

4. **PART II - Health information**

Taking into consideration the additional guidance below, the health attestation may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the **retained Regulation (EC) 1069/2009** and the **retained Regulation (EC) 142/2011** and familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the processing establishment and/or examination of relevant records and documentation including laboratory test results where relevant.

II.1 - Source of the raw hides and skins

The three options provided broadly correspond to Category 3 materials described under Article 10(a), 10(b) and 10(n) of the **retained Regulation (EC) 1069/2009**.

This paragraph should be completed to accurately reflect the source of the raw hides and skins present in the consignment. If an option is not to be certified, it must be struck through in the usual manner.

II.2 - Country of origin of the animals and treatments applied

This certificate presents two possible versions of paragraph II.2 to be certified. The version to be certified will depend on the status of the country or area from which the animals originated, which will in turn dictate which treatment options are permitted.

First option - Authorised countries

At the time of writing, this option should be certified for hides and skins coming from animals which originated from any of the following locations:

- **Great Britain;**
- **Northern Ireland;**
- an EU Member State;
- a third country or part of a third country **which is listed** in Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 **and which is authorised** with respect to the species of the exported hides and skins.

Authorisation is denoted by the relevant 3-letter code in column 4 of the list. For example, the 3-letter codes 'BOV' and 'OVI' indicate authorisation with respect to cattle hides, and sheep/goat skins respectively.

However, the certifying OV should confirm the current situation for the country or countries involved at the time of completion by consulting with APHA's Centre for International Trade (CIT) or DAERA's trade administration team as appropriate.

If this option is to be certified, the second option regarding unauthorised countries must be entirely struck through in the usual manner.

Second option - Unauthorised countries

At the time of writing, this option should be certified for hides and skins coming from animals which originated in:

- a third country or part of a third country **which is listed** in Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 **but which is NOT authorised** with respect to the species of the exported hides and skins.

The absence of a relevant 3-letter code in column 4 of the list indicates that the third country or part of a third country is NOT appropriately authorised.

However, the certifying OV should confirm the current situation for the country or countries involved at the time of completion by consulting with APHA's Centre for International Trade (CIT) or DAERA's trade administration team as appropriate.

If this option is to be certified, the second option regarding unauthorised countries must be entirely struck through in the usual manner.

Treatments

Regardless of the status of the country from which the animals originated, the certified version of paragraph **II.2** must be fully completed to reflect the treatment applied to the hides and skins in the consignment, and those treatments which do not apply must be struck through in the usual manner.

5. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS

Where declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process and/or declared intended use.

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 should be called for and put on file.

6. 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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