

**EXPORT OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING POULTRY INGREDIENTS *WITH/*WITHOUT DAIRY
INGREDIENTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -7001EHC**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Document: 7001EHC.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7001EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7001EHC. 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 7001EHC may be used for the export of products containing poultry and dairy ingredients from the United Kingdom to the USA.

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.

This certificate may be certified by the Official Veterinarian on the basis of a declaration from the exporter in accordance with all restrictions and precautions specified in the USDA import permit (where applicable) and awareness of the requirements of 9 CFR 94.

These can be accessed via the link below:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=c212f8b63c708d50d3807afedf8797aa&r=PART&n=9y1.0.1.4.36>

3. **Import Permit**

It is the responsibility of the importer/exporter to determine whether an import permit is required for the product they are exporting and, if required, obtain an import permit, in advance, from USDA/APHIS/VS to cover the consignment of goods being certified.

The certificate (7001EHC) and the original import permit (where applicable) must accompany the consignment to the United States of America. Both documents must be made available to an inspecting veterinarian.

4. **Manufacturer/Exporter's Declaration:**

Paragraphs IV a), b) and c) refer.

These paragraphs may be certified provided written declarations have been obtained from the owner/exporter. OVs should retain copies of these declarations for record purposes.

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.

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

The exporter must supply a declaration including exactly the same wording as the matters to be certified.

***The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2000 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated".**

IV. a):

The declaration should clearly state all the ingredients of the product and the method of processing that the product has undergone. This has to meet the requirements of the import permit issued by the USA (where applicable).

Insert the health requirements and processing details from the declaration into the free text area in paragraph IV a).

IV. b) and c):

The declaration under these paragraphs must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production and procurement process and is aware of the requirements of 9 CFR 94.1 (a)

Countries/Areas listed in the American Code of Federal Regulations 9 CFR 94 as free from foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest include:

Australia, Austria, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, British Honduras (Belize), Canada, Channel Islands, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Greenland, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Namibia (excluding the region north of the Veterinary Cordon Fence), The Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Territory of St. Pierre and Miquelon, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the United Kingdom.

It must be noted that the USDA constantly updates its list of Foot and Mouth Disease and Rinderpest free countries/areas. The list above is updated by Defra as and when required and may not, therefore, correspond with the USDA's current list, which can be found and checked via the link below:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/ct_animal_disease_status

5. **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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