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**EXPORT OF COLLAGEN CASINGS OF BOVINE/ PORCINE/ OVINE ORIGIN TO AUSTRALIA - 4558EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER**

1. **Scope**

Export health certificate 4558EHC may be used for the export of collagen casings of bovine/ porcine/ ovine origin to Australia

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 or Welsh Government, 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](mailto: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.

3. **Evidence and Declaration**

Compliance with processing standards detailed in paragraphs IV 1 may be certified on the basis of:

- knowledge of the production process operating in the establishment; and

- checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the batches certified; and
- in the case of OV certification, on the basis of supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible Environmental Health Officer.

- Paragraph IV (2) may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the procedures in place in the manufacturing plant and of approval under the EU Food Hygiene legislation. Approval can be confirmed on sight of the approval document or by reference to the Food Standards Agency

4. **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, via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>