

**EXPORT OF COLLAGEN CASINGS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE ANDEAN COMMUNITY OF PERU/ BOLIVIA/ COLOMBIA/ ECUADOR - 7604EHC**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER**

Associated Document: 7604EHC

1. **IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7604EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7604EHC. 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.

2. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

Export health certificate 7604EHC may be used for the export of collagen casings for human consumption to The Andean Community of Peru/ Bolivia/ Colombia/ Ecuador.

3. **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](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.

#### **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.

#### **4. ATTESTATION**

- Paragraph II.1.(A) refers.  
Guarantees are required that the animals from which the bovine or porcine casing is derived have passed post-mortem inspection and been slaughtered in an officially approved slaughterhouse.

Written confirmation that this is the case, which can be traceable to incoming batches of raw material, and also to manufactured collagen gel, must be kept for audit purposes.

The paragraphs may then be certified on this basis.

- Paragraphs II.1.(B), II.1(C), II.I(D) and II.1.2 refer.  
These may be certified on the basis of examination of relevant documents and official records kept, and familiarity with the establishment's manufacturing process.
- Paragraph II.I.4  
This may be certified on the basis of a confirmatory laboratory report directly relating to the batch of products destined for export.
- Paragraph II.I.5 and II.I.6  
*Wrapping , labelling*  
The OV must personally confirm that the packaging is new, clean and unused. Also, that it is appropriate to the product and is clearly and descriptively labelled with all details outlined on the certificate.

#### **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>

DAERA - Email: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)