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**EXPORT FOR SHIP STORES OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS,
MINCED MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 7484EHC and 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7484EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7484EHC. 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 7484EHC may be used for the export from the United Kingdom to ship stores of milk and milk products, meat and meat products, minced meat and meat preparations for human consumption.

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

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of EHCs for the following EHC types:

- if the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids
- EHCs where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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. Paragraph IV.1. may be certified in the case of meat or milk products, on the following bases:

- *In the case of meat of UK origin:*
on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.
- *In the case of meat of EU origin:*
the oval mark should be supported by commercial documentation from the producing establishment.
- *In the case of meat of non- EU origin:*
the oval marks should be supported by copies of veterinary certification from the country of origin and by a CVED from the border inspection post at which the consignment entered the EU.
- *In the case of dairy products:*
Such compliance may be demonstrated on the basis of either an oval mark demonstrating compliance with EU rules, or on the basis of other documentary evidence that the products have been produced in accordance with the applicable EU rules on dairy hygiene.

4. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV. 2. may be certified on behalf of the Department by OVs, provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the APHA Centre for International Trade at Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

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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