

EXPORT OF GREASY WOOL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CHINA**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN****1. IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The notes do not necessarily cover all the requirements listed in the health certificate and therefore should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6652EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6652EHC. 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 6652EHC may be used for the export of greasy wool from the United Kingdom to China.

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.

The health certificate must be signed and stamped with 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

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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. **DATE OF WOOL GATHERING**

Paragraphs I (g) and IV 4. refer. These paragraphs may be signed on the basis of support documents from the Wool Marketing Board. Only wool gathered before 8 July 2007 or after 7 August 2008 is eligible for export to China. These dates correspond to the period covered by the trade ban imposed by China on the UK following the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in August 2007. China recognised the UK's FMD-free status on 7 August 2008.

As a result of this restriction, the date of manufacture must be before 8 July 2007 or after 7 August 2008, at the very least. The Administration of Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) in China, have specifically requested that the date of gathering of the wool be inserted in the certificate. We understand this might not always be possible. Therefore, in these cases, we recommend that the wording "before 8 July 2007" or "after 7 August 2008" is inserted in the space provided.

5. **SIGNING OF HEALTH INFORMATION (PARAGRAPH IV)**

Paragraphs IV 1, 2 & 3 refer: These paragraphs may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided written authority from your local Animal Health Divisional office (AHDO) has been received on form 618NDC.

Paragraphs IV 4, 5 & 6 refer: These paragraphs may be certified by the OV on the basis of familiarity with the exporter's operating procedures and examination of company records.

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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