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EXPORT OF PETFOOD TO SAUDI ARABIA – 4762EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 4762EHC.

IMPORTANT
These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 4762EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4762EHC. 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 4762EHC may be used for the export of processed or canned petfood from the United Kingdom to Saudi Arabia.

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.

3. Paragraph II (a) refers.
Petfood manufacturing plants located within the EU must be approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended). In England, this is enforced by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Certifying OVs are advised that, in accordance with Articles 54 and 55 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009, references to Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 shall be construed as references to Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and that establishments, plants and users approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 before 4 March 2011 shall be deemed to be approved or registered, as required, in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

Confirmation of approval can be ascertained on sight of a valid approval document or for UK establishments, by reference to the Centre for International Trade, Carlisle.

5. Paragraph III. (b) refers. This paragraph should include a reference to the flight-number or the name of the ship.

6. Paragraph IV. (a) may be certified on the basis of approval of the manufacturing establishment in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended) and familiarity with the sourcing and processing procedures in place at the manufacturing establishment and/or examination of relevant records.

7. Paragraphs IV. (b) refers. The first indent may be certified on the basis of familiarity of the sourcing arrangements in place at the manufacturing establishment and/or examination of relevant records.

The second indent may be certified on the basis that the petfood is eligible for placing on the UK market and that the ingredients of animal origin must be derived from meat/milk which is fit for human consumption i.e. starting material belonging to Category 3 under Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended).

Thus, this indent can be certified on the basis of compliance with Council Directive 96/23/EC, which is implemented by the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1997 and a programme referred to as the National Surveillance Scheme (NSS).

On the basis of this scheme, it can be considered that animal products for human consumption do not contain levels exceeding the limits permitted in the European Union of any antibiotic/veterinary

medicinal product; any beta-agonist or any substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or oestrogenic action, which do not occur naturally; any pesticide; or any heavy metal, known to be harmful to human health. The NSS also covers PCBs.
The legislation also requires the appropriate withdrawal periods to be observed when medicinal products are administered to animals.

8. Paragraph IV (c) and paragraph IV(d) or IV(e) may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the sourcing and processing arrangements in place at the manufacturing establishment and/or examination of relevant records.

Paragraph IV (c) refers. The heat treatment to 133°C for 20 minutes at a pressure of 3 bar is a reference to pressure sterilisation as described in Chapter III of Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 142/2011 (as amended) and is offered as an example of an authorised processing standard laid down in this Regulation which may be applied to certain animal by-products to render them suitable for use in petfood. This paragraph may therefore be certified provided that the animal by-products used in the manufacture of the petfood have been processed in accordance with any applicable processing standard set out under Regulation (EC) No 142/2011 (as amended) with particular reference to either feed materials referred to in Annex X or to petfood referred to in Annex XIII thereof.

9. Paragraph IV. (f) may be certified on the basis of approval and compliance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009(as amended).

10. Paragraphs IV. (g) and (h) may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the manufacturing establishment and/or examination of relevant records.

11. Paragraph IV. (i) may be certified on the basis of laboratory test results and/or familiarity with the processing establishment's routine testing/monitoring regime relating to a batch of the specific consignment being exported and checking of relevant records confirming the absence of salmonella in 25g, n=5, c=0, m=0, M=0 where:

n = number of samples to be tested;
m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all samples does not exceed m;
M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more samples is M or more; and
c = number of samples the bacterial count of which may be between m and M, the samples still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other samples is m or less.

12. Paragraph IV (j) may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the record-keeping procedures in place at the manufacturing establishment.

13. 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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