

EXPORT OF PRIMATES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO AUSTRALIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The Notes for Guidance NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 5227EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 5227EHC. 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**

This certificate is for the export of primates from the United Kingdom to Australia.

2. **IMPORT PERMIT**

An import permit must have been obtained from the Australian Authorities (Department of Agriculture and Water Resources) and must be attached to the export health certificate.

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.

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. **INSPECTION**

The inspection at paragraph IV(n) must be carried out within 72 hours of the intended time of export.

5. **IDENTIFICATION**

The animal to be exported must be individually identified by means of an ISO-compliant microchip, and the microchip type, its number and its site of implantation must be recorded at paragraph I of the certificate. In addition all other details in paragraph I must be completed.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraphs IV (g) on behalf of the Department provided written authority has been obtained on form 618NDC from APHA Centre for International Trade in Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland..

7. **PREMISES DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraph IV(c) refers. The OV should certify this paragraph on the basis of personal knowledge of the premises of origin, supported by laboratory reports, pathological examinations and other records as appropriate. If the OV does not have personal knowledge of the premises he/she must obtain a written support statement from another veterinarian who does have such knowledge.

8. **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH RECORDS**

Individual health records including details of all vaccinations, tests and treatments performed during the last two years or since birth of the animal, including those required to enable the export must be included and be attached to the veterinary certificate.

9. **TB TESTING**

Paragraph IV(j) refers. There must be two tests with negative results for whichever recommended testing protocol the OV/exporter uses on the animal for export. The OV should indicate which protocol has been used by striking out those not applicable on the EHC.

The two tests must be performed with a 2 to 4 week interval within 30 days of the export date. The injections must consist of 0.1 ml of tuberculin at a concentration of 1000 units per ml. This is normally injected into the eyelid of primates, but for very small species such as marmosets and tamarins the test should be performed in the abdominal skin rather than the eyelid. A positive reaction consists of oedema of the lid or skin with redness. The extent of the reaction is immaterial. A reaction in a tuberculous monkey will begin to appear after 16 hours and persist for 72 hours. The test should be read (by scrutiny - further restraint should not be necessary) on three successive days following inoculation. In early infections the monkey may not react. In advanced cases of infections, the tuberculin may result in systemic reaction.

The OV must be aware that this tuberculin is not licensed for use in primates, and the owner should be advised that the use of any product outwith the data sheet would entail a risk of adverse reactions.

If the tuberculin cannot be obtained from the Vaccine Supply Team, National Infection Service, Public Health England
TBsection@phe.gov.uk tel: 020 7654 8299 or chris.lucas@phe.gov.uk
tel: 020 7654 8299. Another source is the National Institute of Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC) Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 3QG email: enquiries@nibsc.org, tel 01707 641000, fax 01707 641050.

10. **PARASITE TREATMENT**

Paragraph IV(m) (i)&(ii) refers. The treatments must be licensed in the UK and the dates of treatments must be stated on the export health certificate. If there are no products authorised for the particular species, the OV should follow the cascade principle using other products. The owner should be advised that the use of any product outwith the data sheet could entail a risk of adverse reactions.

11. **EXPORTER'S DECLARATION**

Paragraphs IV(d), (e), (h) (o) (p) and (r) refer. Signed declaration(s) should be provided to enable certifying these paragraphs. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence.

12. **NO PARAGRAPH (i)**

Note that the paragraph notification in the certificate reads IV(h) to IV(j) with paragraph (i) omitted. This is intentional as Roman Numeral 'i' is used to number indented paragraphs. Use of the symbol 'i' for both paragraphs and sub-paragraphs could lead to confusion.

13. **C.I.T.E.S**

This certificate does not provide exemption from other legislation laid down for the protection or conservation of certain wild species, e.g. the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (C.I.T.E.S.). Information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Department at the following address:

Wildlife Licensing and Registration Service
APHA Customer Service Centre (Bristol),

Floor 3, Horizon House Floor, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH
Tel: 0117 372 3700. e-mail: wildlife.licencing@apha.gsi.gov.uk

14. **TRANSPORT & WELFARE**

The use of straw and hay as bedding material for animals imported into Australia is not permitted by the Australian authorities, however they do permit treated wood shavings, sterilised peat and soft board to be used.

The Australian authorities require that the transport containers are covered with sufficient insect netting to cover all containers during flight and the exporter must ensure that the netting is in good condition to minimise the entry of insect vectors into the travel containers.

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team
Centre for International Trade
Eden Bridge House
Lowther Street, Carlisle
CA3 8DX
Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301
E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

15. **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