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**EXPORT OF DAY OLD CHICKS, TURKEY POULTS AND DUCKLINGS TO MALAWI**

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

1. **Scope of the certificate.**

This certificate is for the export of day old birds of the domestic fowl species (*Gallus gallus*), turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*), or ducks (*Anas platyrhyncha*) to Malawi.

Although it could potentially be used when the eggs from which the day olds hatched were produced either in the UK, or in another member state of the EU or Third Country, this certificate has only been agreed by Malawi for **day-old birds hatched from eggs of UK origin only.**

2. **Official Signature**

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.

3. **SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**

In situations where the flock of origin is attended by a different veterinarian from the certifying OV, the latter may complete the export health certificate on the basis of appropriate support statements covering the flock(s) of origin.

The appropriate support statement is form 314SUP which must be completed by the flock veterinarian in respect of paragraphs IV (c), (d), (e), (j) and [(k)- (flocks of origin only)].

4. **Means of Transportation**

Paragraph III (c) refers. The OV should write 'air', 'sea' or 'road' as appropriate, and provide the flight number, ship name, or truck registration.

5. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV. (a) and (b) refer. Both paragraphs may be certified by the OV on the basis of written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or from the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.

6. **Disease Surveillance under Directive 2009/158/EC**  
Paragraphs IV (c) and (e) refer. Directive 2009/158/EC is the European poultry trade Directive. Poultry traded between member states of the EU must comply with the Directive. All of the conditions in the Directive are fully implemented in GB by the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS), and in Northern Ireland by the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS). Therefore membership of either of these schemes means that the premises are officially approved and tested for these diseases and inspected in accordance with Directive 2009/158/EC. The OV is personally responsible for obtaining confirmation that all the test have been carried out and that all results have been negative and that veterinary inspections have taken place. The OV must check the laboratory reports, or receive written confirmation from the veterinarian who is normally responsible for the flocks of origin.
7. **National Surveillance Programme for Salmonellas of Human Concern**  
Paragraph IV (d) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis that the flock(s) of origin have been routinely monitored bacteriologically as required under EU Regulation 2160/2003. The EU Regulation requires a compulsory monitoring programme for chicken and turkey breeding flocks. In the case of ducks, the breeding flocks must have been monitored according to a similar protocol on a voluntary basis. The OV is personally responsible for obtaining confirmation that all the test have been carried out and that all results have been negative. The OV must check the laboratory reports, or receive written confirmation from the veterinarian who is normally responsible for the flocks of origin.
8. **Routine Inspection of Flocks of Origin**  
Paragraph IV (e) refers. Directive 2009/158/EC requires that flocks of origin must either be examined by an OV at the time of export to another member state, or they must be subject to routine monthly examinations. Most poultry breeding flocks opt for the monthly inspections.
9. **Packing and Transport Conditions**  
Paragraphs IV (f) and (g) refer. In order to certify these paragraphs, the OV has to either personally observe the packing materials and the internal compartment of the vehicles used for transport or receive a written declaration from the exporter that these requirements are complied with.

Under EU Council Regulation EC/1/2005, implemented in England by the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and its equivalent in the devolved regions, vehicles carrying live poultry must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading. Other instructions about

disinfection of the vehicle is given in Directive 2009/158/E Article 18. 7 It simply says that disinfection must be "in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority". The OV may certify the paragraph if, in his/her personal judgement, the methods used are adequate and effective.

A DEFRA/DAERA approved disinfectant must be used for disinfecting the internal cargo compartment of the vehicle. Disinfectants are approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants)(England) Order 2007 (as amended) or equivalent legislation in the devolved regions. The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant, and there is a sub-group specifically approved for use with poultry, on the basis of their efficacy against Newcastle disease and avian influenza viruses. DEFRA/DARDNI approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

10 **Hatchery Monitoring for Aspergillosis**

Paragraph IV (h) refers. This paragraph may be certified on the basis of the OV's personal knowledge and observations at the hatchery, supported by an inspection of any documents or other evidence that he/she may feel necessary. Routine bacteriological swabbing or other detection methods that are used must be adequate to detect aspergillosis.

11. **Marek's vaccination**

Paragraph IV (i) refers. This paragraph applies only to chickens, and should be deleted in the case of turkey poults or ducklings.

12 **Flock Statements: IBD and Vaccines**

Paragraphs IV (j) and (k) refer., Paragraph IV (j) applies only to chickens, and should be deleted in the case of turkey poults or ducklings. Where necessary the OV will receive support statements from the veterinarian(s) regularly responsible for those flocks. The statement concerning IBD in the hatchery must be made on the basis of the OV's personal knowledge and observations.

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>

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

14 **Welfare of Animals**

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

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