

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

Scope of the certificate.

1. This certificate is for the export of day old chicks to Cameroon.

Official Signature

2. This certificate may be signed by an OV appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government or Welsh Government, 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.

Clinical inspection

3. The inspection at paragraph IV (a) must be carried out within 24 hours of the intended time of export.

The inspection of the flock of origin at paragraph IV (b) must be carried out within 30 days of the intended date of export.

Flock Disease Clearance

4. At paragraph IV (c) 'evidence' should be interpreted as including clinical signs, information from flock production and mortality

records, laboratory test reports and pathological examinations.

Marek's vaccination

5. Paragraph IV (d) refers. Vaccination of the chicks is not an official requirement, but may be requested by the commercial importer. It is an official requirement to provide the details.

6. **Poultry Health Scheme Membership**

Paragraph IV (e) refers. Membership may be certified on behalf of the Department provided the OV has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her within 10 days before despatch. Concerning the statement that all the test results have been negative, it is the responsibility of the OV to check the flock records for the relevant period in order to certify this.

Notifiable Disease Clearance

7. Paragraph IV (f) refers. This paragraph may be certified by the OV on behalf of the Department provided he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by the APHA Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle.

Support health certificate

8. When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian, he/she should complete form 4284SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in paragraphs IV (b), (c) and (e) of 4284EHC are complied with.

Disclaimer

9. This certificate is provided based on 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, in Carlisle; see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-apha>

Welfare

10. 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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