

DAY OLD CHICKS, TURKEY POULTS, DUCKLINGS, GOSLINGS, OSTRICHES AND HATCHING EGGS OF THESE BIRD SPECIES, EXPORTED TO THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN FROM UNITED KINGDOM

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 6382EHC, 6382SUP 6382NFG (this document), 618NDC.

1. **IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to the Official Veterinarian (OV) and the exporter. The NFG should have been issued to you together with its related export health certificate. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the health certificate. 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**

This certificate may be used for the export day old chicks, turkey poults, ducklings, goslings, ostriches and hatching eggs of these bird species, exported to the Republic of Uzbekistan from United Kingdom.

3. **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.

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. **SECTION II.1 & 2 - NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

AVIAN INFLUENZA and NEWCASTLE DISEASE

6 months country freedom from notifiable avian influenza/Newcastle disease can be certified, provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Exports, Carlisle/ in Northern Ireland the relevant issuing office) within 10 days before shipment.

In the event of an outbreak of notifiable avian influenza and/or Newcastle disease in the UK these guidance notes will be updated as necessary.

CIT Carlisle / DAERA will advise if the origin of the consignment satisfies EAEU disease freedom requirements by way of issuing 618NDC

Ostrich requirements

For Venezuelan encephalitis, Crimean Congo fever (12 months in the territory of the country), Rift Valley fever (48 months in the territory of the country). These conditions can be certified, provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Exports, Carlisle/ in Northern Ireland the relevant issuing office) within 10 days before shipment.

SALMONELLA

Salmonella - The assurances contained in this section refer to both salmonellas of public significance (zoonotic salmonellas) and to salmonellas of avian significance (*Salmonella gallinarum*(SG) and *pullorum*(SP)).

Salmonellas of avian significance: This can be certified on the basis of membership and compliance with the requirements of official poultry health schemes under Directive 2009/158/EC.

Salmonellas of public health significance: Requirements included in this certificate can be certified based on routine testing carried out under the National Control Plan for Salmonella in poultry. This control plan lays down procedures for the routine monitoring of

chicken and turkey flocks for zoonotic Salmonellas, in accordance with EU Regulation 2160/2003, as retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. At present, the Regulation only applies to chicken and turkeys. In order to certify these assurances for species other than chickens and turkeys, the flocks of origin of the eggs/birds must have in place and undergo a surveillance equivalent to that of the PHS and the National Control Plan on a voluntary basis.

Day-old birds should show no clinical sign of salmonellosis within 24 hours of shipment (as per article 6.6.8 of the OIE - *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* - 19/07/2021).

Other disease clearance

Chicken, turkey and Ostrich farms are situated in the areas free from infectious bronchitis of hens, infectious laryngotracheitis, Gumboro disease, fowl pox, avian tuberculosis, pasteurellosis, paramyxovirus infections, heartwater disease: This can be done based on the written declaration received from the farm veterinarian on the support certificate. The support certificate must not be attached to the certificate accompanying the consignment.

For anthrax, 20 days freedom on the territory of the economy (i.e. the farm) can be certified by the Official Veterinarian based on knowledge of the premises.

5. SECTION II.3 - SEROLOGICAL TESTS FOR SALMONELLA PULLORUM ANTIGENS

This paragraph can be certified based on membership and compliance with the Poultry Health Scheme. For species not covered by the PHS, the flocks of origin of the eggs/birds must have in place and undergo a SG/SP surveillance equivalent to that of the PHS.

6. SECTION II.4 - MAREK'S DISEASE

Marek's disease vaccination applies only to the chicken species. In the case of other species, the paragraph is not applicable. In the case of other species, Do NOT enter the words "NOT APPLICABLE" at this section. The paragraph that is not relevant should be crossed out. These must then be individually initialled and stamped by the OV.

7. SECTION II.5- EGG DISINFECTION

This applies to eggs which will be either exported or produce day-olds for export.

Appropriate standards are laid down in the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

The recommendations are:

- (a) fumigation with formaldehyde; or
- (b) spraying with or immersion in an eggshell disinfectant in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions; or
- (c) made hygienic by another method approved by the veterinary authorities.

8. SECTIONS 11.5 and 4.7 - PACKING AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS

In order to certify these paragraphs, it is necessary for the OV to personally observe the packing materials and the internal compartment of the vehicles used for transport.

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.

The OV may certify the paragraph if, in his/her professional judgement, the methods are adequate and effective.

A Defra 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). 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 approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions

9. **SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**

Sections II.2 refers. In cases where the certifying OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, he/she may certify these paragraphs on the basis of the assurances contained in support health certificate 6382SUP from the veterinarian(s) normally responsible for those flocks.

10. **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

11. **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
Centre for International Trade
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Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.