

## EXPORT OF DOGS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

### NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

#### **IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 2929EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2929EHC. 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 2929EHC may be used for the export of a dog from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China.

Please note that China operates a policy of only one animal (cat or dog) per accompanying adult traveling into China. If more than one animal is travelling, a different name must be entered as the exporter/importer on the certificate for each animal.

#### 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 2929NFG (18/05/2018) (Revised 15/11/2023)

certification to ensure that a high standard of certification is being maintained.

3. **PRE-EXPORT ISOLATION**

Paragraphs II.(c) and III. Part B (h)-(m) refer. Approval of the pre-export isolation premises is to be carried out by the Official Veterinarian on behalf of Defra. The Official Veterinarian should arrange to inspect and approve the proposed pre-export isolation premises prior to use. The pre-export isolation premises may be the exporter's home or other suitable premises. Although the Chinese Veterinary Authorities have not specified which conditions the pre-export isolation premises should meet, Official veterinarians should ensure that the animal(s) to be exported to China do not have an opportunity to come into contact with animals not similarly certifiable during the isolation period. As a 30 day pre-export isolation period is required, it is essential that the Official Veterinarian contacts the exporter well in advance to arrange inspection and approval of the isolation premises.

We would recommend that in addition to examining the animals prior to entering the pre-export isolation premises as well as inspecting them prior to export, that they are also inspected during the pre-export isolation period on or about the 14th or 15th day.

4. **LEPTOSPIROSIS TREATMENT**

Paragraph III. (k) refers. Dihydrostreptomycin may not commonly be available as a licenced product for small animals but the drug may be administered, at veterinary discretion, via the cascade system.

Exporters may contact the Chinese authorities for current import conditions and if these differ to those on the 2929EHC, please contact this office as soon as possible.

5. **VACCINATIONS**

**RABIES VACCINATION**

Para III (b) of export health certificate refers - China require separate evidence that the Dog has been vaccinated against rabies.

The information required is:

- Dates(s) of vaccination
- Name of vaccine
- Name of supplier
- Batch number
- Expiry date

This can either be in an up to date Pet Passport or a document provided by the veterinary practice.

**OTHER VACCINATIONS**

The distemper and parvovirus vaccinations are not obligatory. If such vaccinations have been given, the vaccination certificates should accompany the dog to China.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraph III. c) (ii) on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained from the APHA or issuing office of DAERA on form 618NDC.

7. **POST-EXPORT QUARANTINE**

Exporters should be aware that dogs will be quarantined on arrival, usually for a period of 30 days.

8. **WELFARE**

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](mailto:WIT@apha.gov.uk)

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

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**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)