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EXPORT OF COMPOUND FEEDINGSTUFFS, PREMIXES AND FEED ADDITIVES FOR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION TO THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 7597EHC.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7597EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7597EHC. 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**

Export health certificate 7597EHC may be used for the export to Morocco of animal feeding stuffs, premixes and feed additives which are designed to be fed to any 'farmed animal'. Commission Regulation (EU) No 1069/2009 defines 'farmed animal' as:

- (a) any animal that is kept, fattened or bred by humans and used for the production of food, wool, fur, feathers, hides and skins or any other product obtained from animals or for other farming purposes;
- (b) equidae;

This certificate should not be used for petfood or for any products containing fishmeal or any other processed animal protein as defined under Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

2. **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 should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OV stamp in any colour **OTHER THAN BLACK**.

Foreign text: The Official Veterinarian should note that the foreign text in the certificate is an official translation of the English text and the Official Veterinarian is accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if they are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text. Any spaces in the foreign text must be left blank and English wording must not be entered. However, if the Official Veterinarian is able to read and write the foreign text and if facilities are available to enter the foreign text in type, the Official Veterinarian can enter the information where appropriate.

Certified Copy Requirements - England, Wales and Scotland

Guidance concerning return of certified copies of EHCs has changed 7597NFG (Cleared 08/07/2014) (Revised 18/10/2023)

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.

3. Paragraph II(b) refers. Animal feed manufacturers must be approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. In England, this is enforced by the Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The approval or registration number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval document.

OVs should enter the relevant approval or registration number in addition to the name and address of the premises.

4. Paragraphs IV(a), (b) and (d) may be certified on the basis that the animal feed manufacturer is approved or registered in accordance with 7597NFG (Cleared 08/07/2014) (Revised 18/10/2023)

Regulation (EC) 183/2005, as described above.

5. Paragraph IV(c) may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of the product and its intended use. This may be supported by references to publicly available marketing material and usage instructions relating to the products being certified.
6. Paragraph IV(e) refers. The reference to no traces of meat-and-bone meal should be interpreted as undetectable amounts of fishmeal and other processed animal proteins, as defined under Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 (as amended).

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of the OV's familiarity with the sourcing, handling and processing procedures in place at the manufacturing establishment confirming that no processed animal proteins are used in the manufacture of the exported product. This should be supported as necessary by physical inspection of the product and examination of relevant documentation and/or records including commercial documentation, veterinary statements and relevant routine laboratory test results.

7. Paragraph IV(f) may be certified with respect to pesticide and environmental contaminants (including dioxins and PCBs) on the basis that Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on undesirable substances in animal feed establishes the maximum levels of certain undesirable substances permitted within animal feed materials. This Directive is enforced by the Animal Feed (England) Regulations 2010. Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

With respect to radioactive substances, this paragraph may be certified on the basis that the UK has a comprehensive programme in place to monitor radioactivity in food and the environment. The results demonstrate that even the most exposed members of the UK public received radiation doses from consumption of local food and exposure to environmental radioactivity (due to discharges and direct radiation) that were below the statutory EU annual dose limit as set in the Council Directive 96/29. The limit to members of the public is 1 millisievert per year from artificially-produced radionuclides.

8. If declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made. The declaration should include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

The RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2012 states that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated". Where possible, supporting evidence for declarations should be called for and put on file.

9. **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>

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