

**EXPORT TO TURKEY OF FRESH MEAT, MEAT PREPARATIONS AND MEAT PRODUCTS, OF
NON-BOVINE ORIGIN - 6169EHC**

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 6169EHC and 618NDC.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6169EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6169EHC. 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

As far as red meat is concerned, this certificate - 6169EHC - can be used for the export of pig meat/preparations/products ONLY. All material of animal origin used in pig meat preparations or products e.g. natural sausage casings must be porcine.

The import of sheep/goat meat/preparations/products from the UK/EU is currently prohibited by Turkey.

The import of beef is however allowed, and certificate 7217EHC can be used for this purpose.

The import of poultry-based products is also allowed, and as a temporary measure turkey may allow poultrymeat and preparations to be imported on this certificate - 6169EHC. However, once a standalone certificate for poultrymeat and poultry preparations becomes available, this certificate will no longer be acceptable for any commodities other than pigmeat preparations and products. Exporters are advised to check with the importing authorities that their product will be allowed entry using this certificate.

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 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.

3. PARAGRAPH IV. REFERS:

- Clause a) can be certified on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004. EU origin meat is eligible for export to Turkey, provided the other requirements in the certificate can be complied with, but please note species restrictions in paragraph 1 above.
In the case of meat (legally) imported from a third country, exporters are advised to first check with the Turkish Authorities whether such meat (EU-compliant but of third country origin) is allowed to be imported into Turkey.
- Clause b) can be certified on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian, provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office, or can be certified on the basis of oval marks which demonstrates compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.

4. 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

