

## EXPORT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS TO BARBADOS - 3680EHC

### NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

**Associated Documents:** 3680EHC, 618NDC

#### **IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3680EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3680EHC. 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 3680EHC may be used for the export from the United Kingdom to Barbados, of dairy products bearing oval marks or milk-based composite products which do not have to be oval marked under the Food Hygiene legislation, provided they are made from milk ingredients bearing oval marks.

#### **2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) / VETERINARY OFFICER (VO)**

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 3680NFG (Cleared 31/01/2019) (Revised 30/10/2023)

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. Paragraphs IV. 1. to 6. and 8. may be certified on the basis of oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004.
4. Paragraph IV. 7. refers:
  - i. Compliance with processing standards detailed may be certified on the basis of:
    - knowledge of the production process operating in the establishment; and
    - checks on company records of processing, quality control checks etc. for the batches certified; and
    - supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible Environmental Health Officer.
  - ii. Unpasteurised milk must originate from officially Tuberculosis and Brucellosis free herds. The status of source herds may be ascertained by contacting APHA.
5. Paragraphs IV. 9. may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the procurement procedures of the manufacturing plant; and either oval marks which demonstrate compliance with EU Regulations (EC) 853/2004 and 854/2004; or satisfactory documentary evidence confirming that the milk ingredients used in the manufacture of the consignment were oval marked.
6. Paragraph IV. 10. only applies for products made from unpasteurised milk. If made from pasteurised milk this paragraph should be disregarded, but not deleted.

For unpasteurised milk where the country of origin is UK, this paragraph may be signed on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office.

For unpasteurised milk with origin outside of UK, the OV may certify the various disease clearances on the basis of official veterinary certification from the country of origin, if this is available, and if it covers all the required facts. Alternatively, the OV can check using the information sources described below that the country of origin meets the conditions for freedom from the relevant diseases.

Information on a country's notifiable disease status can be found at:

[http://www.oie.int/wahis\\_2/public/wahid.php/Diseaseinformation/Diseasehome](http://www.oie.int/wahis_2/public/wahid.php/Diseaseinformation/Diseasehome)

The following is a list of the former OIE List A diseases which affect bovine and ovine/caprine animals, and are pertinent to milk (i.e. transmissible through raw milk from affected animals):

- Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia
- Foot and Mouth Disease
- Lumpy Skin Disease
- Rinderpest.

If in doubt, the OV should consult APHA, Carlisle for advice.

7. Paragraph IV. 11. (a): In the case of imported products, the paragraph may be certified on the basis of support official or veterinary documentation and health mark confirming that the milk product was, or that the milk ingredients used in the manufacture of the product were oval marked.

Paragraph IV. 11. (b) only applies for imported products made from unpasteurised milk. If this does not apply this paragraph should be disregarded, but not deleted.

If the origin of the unpasteurised milk was UK, this may be signed on the basis of a 618NDC from the issuing office.

If the origin of the unpasteurised milk was outside the UK, the OV may certify the freedom from FMD on the basis of official veterinary certification from the country of origin, if this is available, and if it covers all the required facts. Alternatively, the OV must check using the information sources described below that the country of origin meets the conditions for freedom from FMD.

A list of countries recognised by OIE as free of FMD can be found on the OIE website at:

<http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/fmd/list-of-fmd-free-members/>

The OV can also check for any recent disease updates at:

[http://www.oie.int/wahis\\_2/public/wahid.php/Diseaseinformation/WI](http://www.oie.int/wahis_2/public/wahid.php/Diseaseinformation/WI)

#### **8. 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)