

No:

EXPORT OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS TO OMAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CERTIFYING OFFICER

Associated Documents: 3692EHC and 618NDC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV), Environmental Health Officers (EHO) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 3692EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 3692EHC. 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 3692EHC may be used for the export of milk and milk products for human consumption from the United Kingdom to Oman.

2. CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICER OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

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.

The health certificate should be signed and stamped in any 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

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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. In the case of milk and milk products

Compliance with processing standards detailed in paragraphs IV 1 and 2 or date of production 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
 - in the case of OV certification, if necessary on the basis of supplementary supporting evidence provided by the responsible Environmental Health Officer.
4. Paragraph IV 4. can be certified on the basis that UK legislation on BSE prohibits the sale, supply or use, for human or animal consumption, of any milk produced from cows suspected of or affected with BSE.
 5. Paragraph IV 5. refers to the BSE (No2) Order 1998.
 4. Paragraph IV 6. can be certified on the basis that GB Legislation which requires testing for brucellosis and tuberculosis in accordance with Council Directive 64/432/EC.
 5. Paragraph IV 7. may be certified on the following basis.

Directive 96/23 requires national testing plan for meat & other foods: covers red meat, poultry meat, farmed & wild game, aquaculture products, milk, eggs & honey. The Animals & Animal Products (Examination for Residues & Maximum Residue Limits) Regs 1997 implements this Directive in the UK and covers all these categories, and the statement may therefore be certified on this basis.

6. Paragraph IV 8. can be signed on behalf of the Department by a Official Veterinarian or Environmental Health Officer provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office.

7. 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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