

EXPORT OF DAY OLD CHICKS AND TURKEY POULTS TO JORDAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE

Export health certificate 338EHC may be used for the export of day-old birds of the domestic chicken or turkey species from the United Kingdom to Jordan.

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**.

Certified Copy Requirements

Certifiers are only required to return a certified copy of EHCs for the following EHC types:

- If the commodity is cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or camelids
- EHCs where the certifier cannot submit certifier feedback

If you are required to return a certified copy to CITC, email a scanned copy to certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk.

Retain a copy of all EHCs and supporting documentation certified for two years.

Certifiers 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. IMPORT PERMIT

Exporters should be aware that the consignment must be accompanied by an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture in the Kingdom of Jordan.

4. **EXAMINATION OF CHICKS**

Paragraph IV a) refers. The examination must take place within 24 hours of export.

5. **POULTRY HEALTH SCHEME**

Paragraphs IV b), e) and f) may be certified with respect to membership of the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) by the OV provided that he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by (in GB) APHA Centre for International Trade, Carlisle, or membership of the Northern Ireland Poultry Health Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) the relevant issuing office in N. Ireland within 10 days before shipment.

If the flock(s) of origin is(are) not in the UK, it is the responsibility of the exporter to obtain the relevant official statements from the veterinary authorities in those countries and make them available to the certifying OV.

With reference to the routine test results in paragraph f), the OV or the flock veterinarian is responsible for verifying by an inspection of the laboratory reports that all the results for the listed diseases have been negative.

338EHC refers to hatchery singular, however the consignment may be certified (at the exporter's own risk) to include more than one hatchery providing the additional hatcheries comply with health conditions required on 338EHC. All hatcheries providing to the consignment must have current PHS/NIPHAS approval and be included on the 618NDC.

6. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE**

Paragraphs IV c) refers. These paragraphs may be certified by the OV provided he/she has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent by CIT - Carlisle or the relevant issuing office of DAERA in N. Ireland, before shipment, with instruction for which of parts (i), (ii) or (iii) can be certified.

If instruction is given to certify part (ii), on the basis of regionalisation, this is given for premises as notified to the issuing office on application which must be outside of any disease control zone established due to an outbreak of ND or HPAI, until such time the zone is lifted. Areas outside of these control zones are, for the purposes of this certificate, considered to be zones free from ND and HPAI in accordance with the WOAHC Code.

7. **DISINFECTION/SANITISATION OF THE EGGS**

Paragraph IV d) refers. The eggs must be disinfected as soon as possible after collection by one of the methods laid down in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code. The recommendations are: (i) fumigation with formaldehyde; or (ii) spraying with or immersion in an egg shell disinfectant in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions (please specify the details in the certificate table).

8. **VACCINATION OF THE CHICKS OR POULTS**

Paragraphs IV g) and h) refer. It is not compulsory to vaccinate for Newcastle disease, but if a vaccine has been given, the details must be recorded. Vaccination of poultry for avian influenza at present is not permitted within the UK.

9. **OWNER/EXPORTER'S DECLARATION**

Paragraph IV i) refers. The official veterinarian must obtain written statements from the owner/exporter to enable him/her to sign these paragraphs. The owner's/exporter's statements should not be attached to the health certificate, but should be retained by the OV for record purposes.

With reference to the transport conditions, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) provides written guidelines including cage design specifications. The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport meet the standards laid down by IATA.

10. **SUPPORT CERTIFICATION**

Paragraphs IV e) and f) refer. When the flock of origin is inspected by a different veterinarian from the certifying OV, the flock veterinarian should complete form 338SUP (Support Health Certificate), certifying that the requirements in these paragraphs are complied with. The support health certificate will be provided at the same time as the export health certificate.

11. **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

12. **WELFARE OF ANIMALS**

Welfare conditions during transport are laid down by Council Regulation EC 1/2005, implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, and parallel legislation in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Exporters must comply with the UK welfare laws relating to the export of animals. If transported by air, animals should be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards. Further information about the necessary requirements may be obtained from the Animal Welfare Team at any of the offices mentioned below:

England, Scotland & Wales

Welfare in Transport Team at the APHA Centre for International Trade - Carlisle, via the link below:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening#centre-for-international-trade-carlisle>

Northern Ireland

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

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