

EXPORT OF CHICKEN AND TURKEY HATCHING EGGS TO JORDAN

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN (OV) AND EXPORTER.

1. Scope of the certificate.

This certificate 7249EHC is for the export of hatching eggs of the domestic chicken and turkey species to Jordan.

2. Official Signature

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. **Import Permit**

Note that an import permit is essential, and must be applied for well in advance from the animal health authorities in Jordan.

4. **Registration numbers of Premises of Origin**

Paragraph II b) refers. The relevant number is the official registration number for the Poultry Health Scheme (PHS) in Great Britain, or the Northern Ireland Poultry Health and Assurance Scheme (NIPHAS) in Northern Ireland.

5. **Blood or Meat Spots on the Yolk**

Paragraph IV b) refers. This is a requirement of the Jordanian import conditions, despite the difficulty of obtaining evidence. The OV may wish to open a small sample of eggs in order to certify this point.

6. **Notifiable Disease Clearance**

Paragraphs IV c) and f) refer. 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 parts of IV c) (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 WOAHA Code.

7. **Disinfection 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. **Disinfection of Vehicles**

Paragraph IV e) refers. Under the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and its equivalent in the devolved regions, vehicles carrying live poultry must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading.

A DEFRA approved disinfectant must be used. Disinfectants are approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (England) Order 2007 (as amended). The list contains over 200 brands of disinfectant, and there is a sub-group specifically approved for use with poultry, on the basis of their efficacy against Newcastle disease and avian influenza viruses.

DEFRA approved disinfectants carry a statement on the container, and other references to their approval may be found in their data sheets or label instructions.

9. **Vaccination**

Paragraph IV g) refers. Jordan does not specify that any particular vaccine must be used. However they do require a record of the vaccine types and dates administered to the flock(s) of origin.

Where the size of the table is insufficient to accommodate details of all the vaccines used in the flock, a separate schedule may be used. This schedule must contain the same information as that required in paragraph IV g), which should be annotated "see attached schedule". The certifying OV must draw a line under the last entry of the schedule and sign, date and stamp it in a **colour other than black**.

The schedule must be firmly stapled to the export health certificate and marked with the reference number of the export health certificate at the top right-hand corner.

10. **IATA travel requirements**

Paragraph IV i) refers. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) provides written guidelines for transport conditions including container design specifications. The owner/exporter is responsible for ensuring that the conditions of transport meet the standards laid down by IATA.

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>

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