

**EXPORT OF MILK AND/OR MILK PRODUCTS TO CANADA - 8692EHC**

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

**Associated Documents:** 8692EHC

**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8692EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8692EHC. 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 8692EHC may be used for the export of Milk and Milk Products (including any ingredients derived from milk) from the United Kingdom to Canada.

The following products fall outside the scope of certificate 8692 as they are not considered milk products under the Canadian Health of Animals Regulations: cheese (other than cheese packed in whey), yogurt, kashk, and ice cream.

These four products must still meet all the requirements of Canada's food import program in order to be exported from the UK to Canada. Importers must have an SFCR license and meet other government agencies' requirements such as tariffs. There is currently no health certificate for these products agreed between Canada and the United Kingdom and at the time of writing (Feb 2022) one is not required. However, exporters are strongly advised to check with their importer before every export that import conditions have not changed.

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](mailto:certifiedcopies@apha.gov.uk).

For certificates that have been issued to the Certifying OV via the EHC 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. Details of Dispatched Consignment**

- I.3 - Central Competent Authority  
This should be completed with "Defra".
- I.4 - Local Competent Authority  
For exporting establishments located in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) the certifying OV should enter  
"APHA"  
**For exporting establishments located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.**
- I.6 - List of Countries which Canada has recognized as being free from certain diseases. Note after disease incursion for formerly free zones, full freedom recognition will be indicated by removal of the zoning notice here.  
**Terrestrial Animal Health Status By Disease:**  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/status-by-disease/eng/1306649804251/1306649991822>  
**Terrestrial Animal Health Status by Country:**  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/status-by-country/eng/1306648587424/1306649135327>
- I.14: multiple HS Codes may be used if required.
- I.21: multiple ruminant species may be certified on one EHC by describing each on a separate line under I.21.

#### 4. HEALTH INFORMATION

- Paragraph II.1 can be certified on the basis that the products bear oval marks which demonstrate that the product is fit for human consumption and produced in the United Kingdom in accordance with retained EU Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EU) 2019/627, which are equivalent to the relevant Canadian regulations.
- Paragraph II.2 can only be certified for products derived from animals that were born and raised in the United Kingdom and on the basis that the United Kingdom appears on Canada's list of countries recognised as free of Foot and Mouth Disease.
- Paragraph II.3 should be certified for animals imported into the United Kingdom on the basis that the country of origin appears on Canada's list of countries recognised as free of Foot and Mouth Disease and that the animals have been resident in the UK for 90 days.
- Paragraph II.4 can be certified for milk and milk products originating from countries other than the UK provided that the information detailed in footnote 3 of the EHC is provided.
- Paragraph II.5 can be certified on the basis that the OV is satisfied that the milk from which the dairy products was made was heated to *at least* the required temperature, for the required time. The OV may use their familiarity with the food business operator and any supporting documents or evidence that they deem necessary.
- Paragraph II.6: This paragraph can be certified on the basis of any supporting documents or evidence that the OV deems necessary. See also footnote 5 for list of prohibited veterinary substances.
- Paragraph II.7 can be certified on the basis of the certifying officer's familiarity with the food business operator and on sight of any supporting documents or evidence that they deem necessary. The OV may require a declaration confirming the milking animals have not been in contact with animals and animal products imported from countries not free of FMD for 28 days before collection. See footnote 4 for list of CFIA recognised FMD free countries/zones.
- Paragraph II.8 should only be certified if the manufacturing and exporting establishments are different. In all other cases this clause may be struck through.
- Paragraph II.9 can be certified on the basis of the certifying officer's familiarity with the food business operator and on sight of any supporting documents or evidence that they deem necessary.

#### 5. 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)