

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF DAY-OLD CHICKS, TURKEY POULTS, DUCKLINGS, GOSLINGS, OSTRICH CHICKENS AND HATCHING EGGS OF THESE SPECIES TO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC UNION (EAEU) – 7493EHC

Certificate **7493EHC** is based on the model certificate agreed between the UK and the EAEU and reflect the requirements laid down in the legislation of the EAEU. As a result, the wording and format cannot be amended. Provided the guidance notes below are followed or relied upon, the certificate may be signed.

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with the certificate. 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.

Important note for exporters and Official Veterinarians:

The Export Health Certificate to which these guidance notes refer can be used for any of the countries in the Eurasian Economic Union, subject to standard restrictions and import permits if applicable. If the final destination of the consignment is BELARUS please also refer to Annex A of this document for additional instructions. BELARUS WILL NOT ALLOW IMPORT OF THIS COMMODITY UNLESS THESE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

Associate documents: 7493EHC.

SCOPE

1. The certificate can be used for export to the EAEU of day-old chicks, poults, ducklings, goslings and ostrich chicks, or the hatching eggs of those species.

The EAEU currently consists of five member countries
<http://www.eaeunion.org/?lang=en#about-countries>

The Republic of Armenia
The Republic of Belarus
The Republic of Kazakhstan
The Kyrgyz Republic
The Russian Federation

CERTIFICATION BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

2. 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**.

OVs certifying certificates issued in **Northern Ireland** (single A4 pages), should **fan stamp** the certificates in addition to applying the main stamp at the end of the certificate. OVs may want to obtain advice from the issuing office on how to apply fan-stamping for

exports to the EAEU.

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 OV's 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 OV's 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION (SECTIONS 1-3 OF CERTIFICATE 7493EHC REFER)

Particular attention should be paid to the information filled in the certificates, which must be accurate, as they are scrutinized at the EAEU's borders. Missing letters, wrong numbers or lack of correspondence of the name of the suppliers with the name in the Rosselkhoznadzor's (Russian Competent Authority) register are only some of the examples of border rejection.

The register of Rosselkhoznadzor (also applicable to the other EAEU countries) is available by country at the Rosselkhoznadzor's

website: <http://fsvps.ru/fsvps/importExport? language=en>

For the purposes of this certificate, establishments appearing on one or more of the lists published by Rosselkhoznadzor may be considered to be approved by the EAEU to export the specified commodity to the EAEU.

Establishments which are not approved to export to the EAEU should contact APHA – Centre for International Trade in Carlisle or DAERA for further information on how they can apply for approval.

NOTE:

As per Regulation on the Common Procedure of Veterinary Control at the Customs Border of the Customs Union and the Customs Territory of the Customs Union (CU Decision N317 as of June 18, 2010), no manual corrections are to be made to the printed certificate, with the exception to the following sections: *name and address of Consignor, name and address of Consignee, means of transport (Number of railway carriage, truck, container, flight number, name of ship), country(ies) of transit, customs border crossing point*. Such corrections are allowed if made by the OV without breaking certification rules and the correction does not alter the character of cargo and its intended use according to the importing country legislation. These corrections must be accompanied by the OV signature and stamp.

3. **COUNTRY(IES) OF TRANSIT (SECTION 1.4)**: This refers to any *country* of transit, including EU MSs, countries of the Eurasian Economic Union and any other country through which the consignment will pass on its way to the final destination.
4. **CERTIFICATE NO (SECTION 1.5)**: This MUST consist of a unique number format: YY/O/NNNNN i.e. *two digits for the year/issuing office identifier number (2 for Carlisle SSC & 3 for DAERA) /5-digit sequential number*. The unique number MUST also be printed on the certificate; if this number is entered in manuscript, the certificate will be INVALID.
5. **COUNTRY OF PRODUCT ORIGIN (SECTION 1.6)**: This should be printed as '*UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (GB)*'
6. **CERTIFYING COUNTRY (SECTION 1.7)**: This is pre-printed in the certificate as '*UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (GB)*'
7. **COMPETENT AUTHORITY IN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY (SECTION 1.8)**: This is pre-printed as '*DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA)*'.
8. **ORGANISATION IN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY ISSUING THIS CERTIFICATE (SECTION 1.9)**: This should be printed as: '*ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY*' for consignments certified in GB
OR
'*DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS OF NORTHERN IRELAND*' for consignments certified in N. Ireland.
9. **CUSTOMS BORDER CROSSING POINT (SECTION 1.10)**: The OV must ask the exporter for this information.
10. **ESTABLISHMENT DETAILS (SECTION 3.1) AND ADMINISTRATIVE-TERRITORIAL UNIT (SECTION 3.2)**

Please include the Poultry Health Scheme approval number in point 3.1.

The Administrative-territorial unit in section 3.2. is UK County, District or Isle (e.g. "Dover, Kent" or "Isle of Anglesey") in which the flock is situated in the case of hatching eggs, or the County, District or Isle in which the hatchery is situated in the case of day old birds.

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATION (SECTION 4 REFERS)

11. SECTION 4.1 - DISEASE ASSURANCES

AVIAN INFLUENZA and NEWCASTLE DISEASE

"Avian influenza, subject to mandatory declaration as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code" means "Notifiable avian influenza (NAI)" - The OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code states: *"avian influenza in its notifiable form (NAI) is defined as an infection of poultry caused by any influenza A virus of the H5 or H7 sub-types or by any AI virus with an intravenous pathogenicity index (IVPI) greater than 1.2."*

Currently the **first option** in this section (12 months country freedom from notifiable avian influenza/Newcastle disease) can be certified, provided the Official Veterinarian has received written authority (Form 618NDC) which will be sent to him/her by the issuing office (in GB, APHA Centre for International Trade (CIT), Carlisle / in Northern Ireland the relevant issuing office of DAERA) within 10 days before shipment.

NB: none of the two alternative options available under the Notifiable avian influenza section or the Newcastle disease section must be crossed out.

In the event of an outbreak of notifiable avian influenza and/or Newcastle disease in the UK these guidance notes will be updated as necessary.

CIT Carlisle / DAERA will advise if the origin of the consignment satisfies EAEU disease freedom requirement by way of issuing 618NDC

SALMONELLA

Salmonella - The assurances contained in this section refer to both salmonellas of public significance (zoonotic salmonellas) and to salmonellas of avian significance (*Salmonella gallinarum* and *pullorum*).

Salmonellas of avian significance: this can be certified on the basis of membership and compliance with the requirements of official poultry health schemes under Directive 2009/158/EC.

Salmonellas of public health significance: Requirements included in this certificate can be certified based on routine testing carried out under the National Control Plan for Salmonella in poultry. This control plan lays down procedures for the routine monitoring of chicken and turkey flocks for zoonotic Salmonellas, in accordance with EU Regulation 2160/2003, as retained in Great Britain as retained EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. At present, the Regulation only applies to chicken and turkeys. In order to certify these assurances for species other than chickens and turkeys, the flocks of origin of the eggs/birds must have in place and undergo a surveillance equivalent to that of the PHS and the National Control Plan on a voluntary basis.

Fowl typhoid (*Salmonella gallinarium*)

Please see above re Salmonellas of avian significance.

Pullorosis

Please see above re Salmonellas of avian significance.

For chickens and turkeys (and hatching eggs thereof) there is a requirement to certify premises (farm) freedom for 6 months from avian infectious bronchitis, Gumboro disease and infectious laryngotracheitis. This can be done based on the written declaration received from the farm veterinarian on the support certificate (see section 16 of this NFG). The support certificate must not be attached to the certificate accompanying the consignment.

12. SECTION 4.2 - SEROLOGICAL TESTS FOR SALMONELLA PULLORUM ANTIGENS

This paragraph can be certified based on membership and compliance with the Poultry Health Scheme. For species not covered by the PHS, the flocks of origin of the eggs/birds must have in place and undergo a SG/SP surveillance equivalent to that of the PHS.

13. SECTION 4.3 - MAREK'S DISEASE

Marek's disease vaccination applies only to the chicken species. In the case of other species, the paragraph is not applicable. Do NOT enter the words "NOT APPLICABLE" at this section in case of other species.

14. SECTION 4.5- EGG DISINFECTION

This applies to eggs which will be either exported or produce day-olds for export to the EAEU.

Appropriate standards are laid down in the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

The recommendations are:

- (a) fumigation with formaldehyde; or
- (b) spraying with or immersion in an eggshell disinfectant in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions; or
- (c) made hygienic by another method approved by the veterinary authorities.

15. SECTIONS 4.6 and 4.7 - PACKING AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS

In order to certify these paragraphs, it is necessary for the OV to personally observe the packing materials and the internal compartment of the vehicles used for transport.

Under EU Council Regulation EC/1/2005, implemented in England by 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.

The OV may certify the paragraph if, in his/her professional judgement, the methods are adequate and effective.

A Defra approved disinfectant must be used for disinfecting the internal cargo compartment of the vehicle. 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.

16. SUPPORT CERTIFICATION

Sections 4.1. refers. In cases where the certifying OV is not personally responsible for the flock(s) of origin, he/she may certify these paragraphs on the basis of the assurances contained in support health certificate 7493SUP from the veterinarian(s) normally responsible for those flocks.

17. 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

18. WELFARE DURING TRAVEL

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team

Centre for International Trade

Eden Bridge House

Lowther Street, Carlisle

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Phone: +44 (0) 3000 200 301

E-mail: WIT@apha.gov.uk

Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

Additional instructions for consignments with final destination of Belarus

To allow any goods into Belarus, the Belarussian authorities have asked for prior notification from the UK competent authority of consignments requiring veterinary certification, with details of the arriving consignment. If this notification has not been received by the Belarussian authorities, the consignment will not be allowed entry into Belarus.

Following certification of the Export Health Certificate(s) (EHC) by an Official Veterinarian (OV), the OV should complete an **electronic** version of the table containing information as shown below in Table 1. If the OV does not hold an electronic copy, one can be requested by emailing the below address or contacting APHA Product Exports on 03000 200 301. Once completed, the OV should email this table and a certified copy of the EHC(s) to:

PLT@apha.gov.uk

These documents **must be emailed on the same day as certification** to allow time for APHA to send the notification to Belarus and then for further distribution to the relevant border controls.

Table 1:

Notification to Belarus of UK Export Certification					
Certificate No.	Description of the products	Exporter/Consignor	Importer/Consignee	Name of Official Veterinarian & SP Number	Date of OV signature