

**EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR HEAT TREATED MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO UKRAINE - 6126NFG**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND EXPORTERS**

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**IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OVs) and exporters and should have been issued together with the export certificate for Dairy Products to Ukraine 6126EHC.

These Notes for Guidance (NFG) are not intended to operate as a standalone document but in conjunction with the certificate for export of Dairy to Ukraine.

Exporters are advised to verify the requirements of the importing country by contacting the veterinary authorities, or their representatives in the UK, in advance of each consignment.

Exporters are also advised to check with their importers if they need two Export Health Certificates for mixed consignments of UK and imported cheese.

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**1. SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

The export health certificate (UA) Heat treated milk and dairy products may be used for the export of heat-treated dairy products of UK and EU origin from the United Kingdom to Ukraine.

**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 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.

**3. COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DISPATCHED CONSIGNMENT**

OVs should also refer to the Notes section at the foot of Part II of the certificate.

**I.3. - Central Competent Authority**

Should be pre-populated.

**I.4. - Local Competent Authority**

Should be pre-populated.

**I.7. - Country ISO Codes**

ISO 3166 is the International Standard for country codes and codes for their subdivisions.

The ISO Code for the whole of the United Kingdom is 'GB' and this should be entered at Box I.7.

The ISO Code for the Ukraine is 'UA' and is entered at Box I.9.

**I.8 and I.10**

Unless regionalisation has been agreed due to a presence of a disease, these boxes need to be crossed out or completed as N/A.

**I.11. - Place of Origin**

Enter the details of the dispatch establishment in this box.

**I.15. - Means of transport**

The registration number of transport vehicles, flight number or name of the vessel must be provided.

**I.20. - Total number of packages**

Indicate number of packages.

**I.22. - Commodities certified for**

Place an X in the box.

**I.24. - For Export**

Place an X in the box.

**I.25. - Identification of the Commodities**

Enter the required information under the under the appropriate headings.

**5. HEALTH INFORMATION - SECTION II**

- II.1.1. refers.  
This may be certified on the basis of there being no outbreak within the administrative territory of the farm of origin of FMD in the previous 12 months or PPR in the previous 2 years. This paragraph may be certified on behalf of the Department provided written authority to do so has been obtained on form 618NDC from the APHA CIT at Carlisle or the issuing office of DAERA in Northern Ireland.
- II.1.2. refers.  
This may be certified on the basis of familiarity of the process/HACCP audits, suitable/satisfactory evidence and examination of the records available at the establishment, an exporter declaration may be required to get assurance of compliance with this point. Reference to EU requirements should be taken as UK requirements. Under the Withdrawal Act (2018), the UK has adopted EU legislation which remain in force.
- II.1.3. refers.  
This may be certified for production establishments approved under UK legislation laying down hygiene rules for food of animal origin and its official controls, and on the basis of oval health marks which demonstrate compliance with UK legislation.
- II.1.4. refers.  
This may be certified on the basis of familiarity of the process the milk undergoes.
- II.1.5 refers.  
This can be certified where the dairy product was manufactured in an approved establishment, the OV's familiarity with the manufacturing establishment, and the presence of an oval identification mark from an approved listed establishment on the product which indicates that it complies with the requirements in the listed legislation, including that for microbiological monitoring. This may be supported by physical inspection, liaison with the supervising Environmental Health Officer responsible for official controls and examination of relevant documentation.
- II.1.6 refers.  
This may be certified based in inspection of the product to be exported.
- II.1.7 and II.1.8 refers.  
This may be certified on the basis of familiarity of the process or any suitable/satisfactory evidence.

**6. CERTIFICATION OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Principle 3 from the 10 Principles of Certification states:

*A veterinarian should only sign certificates that are written in a language they understand.*

For this certificate, the Ukrainian language is added with the English text. The foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text and as the Official Veterinarian, you are accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if you are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text.

**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>

DAERA - Email: [vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:vs.implementation@daera-ni.gov.uk)