

VETERINARY INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF ENTOMOPHAGE INSECTS AND MITES (FOR CROP PROTECTION) FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO UKRAINE

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE (NFG) OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND THE EXPORTER

1. **IMPORTANT**

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The notes do not necessarily cover all the requirements listed in the health certificate and therefore should have been issued to you together with export certificate 7863EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 7863EHC. 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.

2. **SCOPE OF THE CERTIFICATE**

The Veterinary Inspection Certificate 7863EHC may be used for the export of entomophage insects and mites (beneficial insects/biological controls) for crop protection from the United Kingdom to Ukraine.

3. **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.

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.

4. IMPORT PERMIT

An import permit must have been obtained by the exporter from the appropriate Government Authority in Ukraine, the Veterinary Department of the State Service of Ukraine for Food Safety and Consumer Protection (SSUFSCP) and must be attached to the export health certificate.

5. CONFIRMATION OF AUDIT

Official Veterinarians may certify paragraphs IV(a) and IV(b) providing s/he has carried out an audit of the premises on behalf of the Department.

The audit should include documentary checks on the name of the company and documentation checks on the insects / mites produced at the premises and physical checks on the premises involved to enable the OV to have sufficient assurance that the company involved is bona fide and is producing the insects / mites as described and that the company has the necessary checks and controls to enable production of the insects/mites to the standards described on the EHC.

6. EXPORTER'S DECLARATIONS

Paragraphs IV(c), (d) and (e) refer. The exporter must provide the necessary declarations which must be signed and currently dated by a senior manager/designated responsible person in the company to enable the OV to certify these paragraphs. If the OV has any reason to doubt the validity of the declarations, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Centre for International Trade, Carlisle or DAERA should be consulted.

7. DURATION OF VALIDITY

The duration of validity of the certificate referred to in paragraph IV(f) is to state one year only from the date of audit. A certificate must accompany each consignment.

8. RETENTION OF RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS

The OV should retain copies of the certificate and their audit report and the exporter's declarations for record purposes for at least two years.

The company must keep a record of dates of exports and return any unused certified copies of the certificate to the OV to be accounted for and destroyed.

9. **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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