

**EXPORT TO BARBADOS OF DRY, SEMI-MOIST OR CANNED PETFOOD CONTAINING
INGREDIENTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN - 4726EHC**

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Associated Documents: 4726EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export health certificate 4726EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 4726EHC. 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**

This certificate may be used for the export from the UK of canned or processed petfood manufactured using ingredients of animal origin to Barbados.

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.

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. Paragraph II(b) refers. Establishments manufacturing petfood from unprocessed animal materials must be approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended). In England, this is enforced by the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Certifying OVs are advised that, in accordance with Articles 54 and 55 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009, references to Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 shall be construed as references to Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 and that establishments, plants and users approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 before 4 March 2011 shall be deemed to be approved or registered, as required, in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009.

Alternatively, establishments which manufacture petfood using processed ingredients of animal origin must be approved or registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. In England, this is enforced by the Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2010 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The appropriate approval or registration number should be entered into this section.

If the establishment is in possession of approval/registration under both of the abovementioned Regulations then the number entered should reflect the number which is used on product labels or on other paperwork associated with the export.

5. **Veterinary Certification (section IV refers)**

Taking into consideration the additional guidance below, the health attestation may be certified on the basis of the OV's familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the processing establishment and/or examination of relevant records and documentation including applicable processing records, laboratory test results, veterinary statements and commercial documentation.

If any of the health attestations are to be certified on the basis of a declaration, the declaration should be from an authorised signatory of the transporting company and include a clause indicating that the signatory is aware that making a false declaration is an offence and that he/she accepts full responsibility if any problems arise with the export should there be any dispute relating to the matters being declared.

OVs are reminded that the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct 2012 states

that [Veterinary Surgeons] "must not recklessly confirm what other people have stated".

- (a) Paragraph IV 1 refers. If the petfood contains ingredients of poultry origin, then the certifying OV must certify either paragraph IV 1(a) or IV 1(b) and the paragraph which does not apply should be struck through and this amendment stamped and initialled in the usual way. If the petfood does not contain any ingredients of poultry origin then the entire paragraph IV 1 should be struck through and this amendment stamped and initialled in the usual way.
- (b) Paragraph IV 1(a) this paragraph may not be signed due to the current outbreak of Avian Influenza in East Yorkshire.
- (c) Paragraph IV 1(b) may be signed on the basis of his knowledge and experience of the manufacturing practices in the establishment of origin and any other evidence, including production records etc, as he/she considers necessary.

please see the link to the AI chapter of the OIE Terrestrial code with temperature/time (or other processes) that ensure the destruction of the AI virus in certain products/commodities. http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_avian_influenza_viruses.htm

Processed or canned petfood which has either been manufactured, packaged and tested in the European Union in accordance with Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended) or which has been legally imported into the European Union is no longer considered to pose any significant risk to public or animal health and is said to have reached its „end point“ - on the basis that the minimum treatments required under Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended) for the production of processed petfood (for example, at least 90°C throughout its substance) and canned petfood (a minimum F₀ value of 3) are considered sufficient to inactivate these viruses.

This paragraph may therefore be signed on the basis that either the petfood or the ingredients of poultry origin used in the petfood were produced to the sourcing, processing and microbiological standards set out under Regulation (EC)

142/2011 (as amended) in an establishment satisfying the controls set out under Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended).

Compliance of non-UK product, materials or establishments may be supported by reference to relevant approval documentation, commercial documentation or veterinary certification relating to the legal importation of the product or its ingredients into the UK.

- (d) Paragraph 2 refers. This can be certified on the basis that the bovine material used is a Category 3 animal by-product referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended) or derived from such a by-product, which means that there are no BSE related restrictions in place on their use in petfood.

6. 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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