

EXPORT OF PETFOODS CONTAINING INGREDIENTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN TO ISRAEL - 2101EHC

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 2101EHC, 618NDC.

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 2101EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 2101EHC. 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 2101EHC may be used for the export of finished petfood from the United Kingdom to Israel.

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. HEALTH INFORMATION

Paragraph IV 1 and 2 may be certified on the basis of approval of the production/rendering establishment under Regulation 1774/2002. This Regulation is implemented in England by the Animal By-Products Regulations 2005 and similar legislation applies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Approval may be verified by sight of the relevant approval certificate or by reference to the establishment's local Animal and Plant Health Agency office (APHA).

Additionally, **processing establishments** producing products covered by this certificate **must also be specifically approved by the Israeli authorities**. This may be confirmed on sight of the relevant approval certificate or by reference to the local Animal and Plant Health Agency office (APHA).

4. Paragraph IV 3 may be signed on behalf of the Department by an Official Veterinarian provided written authority to do so on form 618NDC has been obtained from the issuing office.
5. Paragraphs IV 4 and 5 may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and transport preparation procedures in place at the processing establishment and by examination of relevant records.

Compliance with the microbiological standards may be signed on the basis of satisfactory test results from a laboratory approved under Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 (as amended). The consignment should remain identified and accessible to the OV until these results are available and the certificate is signed.

6. Paragraphs IV 6 and 7 may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and transport preparation procedures in place at the processing establishment and by examination of relevant records.

With regards to the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, the United Kingdom is categorised as a country with a **controlled BSE risk**. OVs are also reminded that, in accordance with Regulation (EC) 999/2001, **the consignment must not contain any processed animal proteins derived from ruminant animals**.

In addition, the OV should ensure that the consignment only contains animal ingredients allowed for under the terms of the processing establishment's specific approval for export to Israel, as referred to in paragraph 3 above.

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>

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