

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR PROCESSED PETFOOD OTHER THAN CANNED PETFOOD, INTENDED FOR DISPATCH TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA - 8070EHC**

**NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER**

**Associated Documents:** 8070EHC, 8070CON.

**IMPORTANT**

**These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 8070EHC and its continuation 8070CON. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 8070EHC/CON. 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**

Export health certificate **8070EHC/CON** may be used for the export from the UK of finished processed petfood (other than canned petfood) to Serbia.

This certificate **must not** be used for the export of consignments of any of the feed materials described under Chapter II of Annex X to Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011 (as amended), namely:

- processed animal protein
- blood products
- rendered fats, fish oil and fat derivatives from Category 3 material
- milk, colostrum and certain other products derived from milk or colostrum
- gelatine and hydrolysed protein
- dicalcium phosphate
- tricalcium phosphate
- collagen
- egg products

However, the above feed materials may be used as ingredients in the manufacture of the finished petfood being certified for export.

This is in keeping with the definition of petfood as laid down under point 19 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011, as amended by Regulation (EU) No. 294/2013 of 14th March 2013.

**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**.

**Foreign text:** The Official Veterinarian should note that the foreign text in this certificate is an official translation of the English text and the Official Veterinarian is accordingly authorized to complete the export health certificate, even if they are unable to read and understand the meaning of the foreign text.

Any spaces in the foreign text must be left blank and English

wording must not be entered. However, if the Official Veterinarian is able to read and write the foreign text and if facilities are available to enter the foreign text in type, the Official Veterinarian can enter the information where appropriate.

### **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](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. FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE**

The format, paragraph numbering and content of this certificate is based on the bilingual model certificate provided by the Serbian authorities and as such, some of the English may be unclear.

However, because this certificate is based on the specific model certificate published as Chapter 3(B) of Annex XV to Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended) for the importation of this commodity from a third country into the UK and other EU member states, that may be referred to for clearer interpretations of the intended meaning of the English used.

This style of certificate is, in turn, based on the model 'Veterinary Certificate to EU' for products of animal origin as published in **Commission Decision 2007/240/EC** (as amended).

As a result, some of the text may not directly apply to exports from the UK and some paragraphs may appear out of sequence whilst others may be intentionally left blank or struck through.

Annex I of this Decision includes **Explanatory Notes** which offer general guidance on how veterinary certificates based on these models may be completed, particularly with respect to Part I of the certificate.

These and other pieces of EU legislation are published in the Official Journal of the European Union and can be accessed via the online search feature available at:

**<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>**

More specific guidance on completing this certificate has been provided in these notes.

4. **COMPLETION OF PART I - DETAILS OF DESPATCHED CONSIGNMENT**

**I.2a** - intentionally struck through.

**I.3 - Central Competent Authority**

This should be completed with "Defra".

**I.4 - Local Competent Authority**

The certifying OV should enter the name of the local office of APHA responsible for the exporting establishment. Where the exporting establishment is located in Northern Ireland, "DAERA" should be entered.

**I.6** - intentionally struck through.

**I.7 and I.9 - Country ISO Codes**

ISO 3166 is the commonly accepted International Standard for country codes.

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 **Serbia** is "RS" and should be entered at **Box I.9**.

**I.8 - Region of Origin**

In line with the Explanatory Notes referred to in paragraph 3 above, this paragraph may usually be struck through.

However, if the UK and the product fall within the scope of emergency disease control legislation laid down by the importing authorities then this paragraph should be completed with the appropriate region names and ISO codes if these are specified under such emergency legislation. In these cases, the APHA Centre for International Trade, in Carlisle or DAERA in Northern Ireland should be consulted for further specific guidance.

**I.10** - intentionally struck through.

**I.11 - Approval Number**

Establishments handling unprocessed animal by-products or manufacturing products derived from unprocessed animal by-products 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 2013 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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

The approval number may be confirmed on sight of a valid approval document or by reference to the local authority responsible for the manufacturing establishment.

**I.12** - intentionally struck through.

**I.13 - Place of loading**

The place of loading or the port of embarkation must be entered.

**I.14 - Date of departure**

The date of departure must be entered.

**I.15 - Means of transport**

The means of transport i.e. aeroplane, ship, railway wagon, road vehicle must be indicated. The option 'Other' is not applicable to the movement of products and should not be selected. The flight number, name of the vessel, the train number and rail car or the number plate of the road vehicle should be entered as the means of identification as appropriate.

If the means of transport changes after the certificate has been signed, the consignor must inform the officials at the intended point of entry.

Optionally, the number of the airway bill, bill of loading, or the commercial number of the train or road vehicle may be entered as the documentary reference.

**I.16 - Entry BIP in SERBIA**

The exporter must advise the OV of the point of entry into the destination country and this must be entered in the space provided.

**I.17** - intentionally struck through

**I.18 - Description of commodity**

A veterinary description of the goods or a description based on the applicable HS Code (see below) must be entered.

**I.19 - HS Code**

The Harmonised System (HS) Code is a commodity classification system used as a basis for customs tariffs and for international trade statistics.

The notes at the end of the certificate include a list of HS Codes which may be used to complete **Box I.19**. For ease of reference, the description of each of the listed codes is provided below:

**04.08** Birds' eggs, not in shell, and egg yolks, fresh, dried, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, moulded, frozen or otherwise preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter

- 05.04 Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
- 05.05 Skins and other parts of birds, with their feathers or down, feathers and parts of feathers (whether or not with trimmed edges) and down, not further worked than cleaned, disinfected or treated for preservation; powder and waste of feathers or parts of feathers
- 05.11 Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or 3, unfit for human consumption
- 15.01 Pig fat (including lard) and poultry fat, other than that of heading 0209 or 1503
- 15.02 Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats, other than those of heading 1503
- 15.03 Lard stearin, lard oil, oleostearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared
- 15.04 Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish or marine mammals, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
- 23.01 Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption; greaves
- 23.09 Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding
- 35.02 Albumins (including concentrates of two or more whey proteins, containing by weight more than 80% whey proteins, calculated on the dry matter), albuminates and other albumin derivatives

Further information on HS Codes can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections>

and

<http://madb.europa.eu/madb/euTariffs.htm>

Taking into account the guidance at paragraph 1 above regarding feed materials, the appropriate HS Code should be entered in **Box I.19**.

**The OV should confirm with the exporter that the HS Code used correctly describes the products being consigned.**

**I.20 - Quantity of Product**

Insert the total gross and net weights in Kg.

**I.21 - Temperature of product**

Indicate whether the transport/storage temperature is ambient, chilled or frozen.

**I.22 - Number of packages**

Insert the number of packages in the consignment.

**I.23 - Seal/container no.**

The seal or container number of consignment may be entered here.

**I.24 - Type of packaging**

Enter the type of packaging in the space provided.

**I.25 - Commodities certified for**

Indicate the intended use of the product, taking into account any guidance which may be offered in the footnote of the certificate.

**I.26** - intentionally struck through.

**I.27 - For import or admission**

The box should be ticked to confirm that this is an import or admission as opposed to transshipment.

**I.28 - Official Identification**

Further to the guidance for paragraph **I.11** above, the relevant approval number of the manufacturing plant should be entered in addition to the other required information.

If the consignment consists of several different types of products then it may be necessary to use a separate schedule to identify the full consignment. The schedule must, as a minimum, contain the same information as that required in **Box I.28** of the certificate and this box must be annotated "See Attached Schedule".

Each page of the schedule must bear a page number and the health certificate reference number and be signed, dated and stamped by the Official Veterinarian.

The schedule must be stapled inside the health certificate and the Official Veterinarian should "fan" and stamp over the pages of the schedule and certificate. The top stapled corner of the schedule and certificate should be folded over and stamped also.

Any blank spaces in the schedule or in **Box I.28** should be deleted with diagonal lines.

5. **PART II - HEALTH INFORMATION**

Taking into consideration the additional guidance below, the health attestation may be certified on the basis of the OV's knowledge of Regulations (EC) 1069/2009 and 142/2011 (as amended) and familiarity with the sourcing, processing, handling and storage arrangements in place at the processing establishment and/or examination of relevant records and documentation including laboratory test results where relevant.

**II.1 - Approval and supervision of establishment**

This paragraph may be certified on the basis of approval of the manufacturing establishment in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1069/2009 (as amended) in line with the guidance given for paragraph **I.11** above.

**II.2 - Animal by-product ingredients**

This paragraph should be completed to reflect the types of animal by-products used in the manufacture of the product.

The options which do not apply should be struck through and the deletions signed and stamped in the usual manner.

The certifying OV should read the options carefully to ensure that only permitted deletions are made. Deleting text that is ineligible for deletion could result in the consignment being detained or rejected.

**13<sup>th</sup> indent - Directive 96/22/EC**

This paragraph refers to material from animals which have been treated with certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic

action and  $\beta$ -agonists.

Material from such animals may only be used in the manufacture of the pet food if either the material itself or the finished pet food being exported was originally imported into the EU from a third country.

### **II.3 - Processing of the pet food or its ingredients**

This paragraph requires that either the finished pet food was subjected to certain treatments during its manufacture or that the specified ingredients of animal origin were appropriately sourced and processed.

Note that there are **only four deletable options** in this paragraph and that the sub-paragraphs (a) through to (n) are all part of the second deletable option.

The options which do not apply should be struck through and the deletions signed and stamped in the usual manner.

The certifying OV should read the options carefully to ensure that only permitted deletions are made. Deleting text that is ineligible for deletion could result in the consignment being detained or rejected.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> indent, paragraph (b) - milk and milk based products**

For milk or milk-based ingredients of **UK or EU origin**, paragraph (i) may be certified on the basis of relevant commercial documentation and production records.

For milk or milk-based ingredients **imported from a third country**, one or more of the options provided under paragraphs (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) may be certified by reference to an official copy of the veterinary import certificate used to accompany the ingredient into the UK or into another EU member state.

### **II.4 - Microbiological testing**

Random samples taken from each batch of petfood being certified for export must have been tested for the presence of salmonella and enterobacteriaceae with satisfactory results. This is in line with the statutory microbiological testing required under Regulation (EC) 142/2011 (as amended).

### **II.7 - Specified risk material and ruminant origin material**

The indent which does not apply should be struck through and the deletion signed and stamped in the usual manner.

#### **First indent refers:**

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "specified risk material" means the following tissues:

- the skull excluding the mandible and including the brain and eyes, and the spinal cord of **bovine animals aged over 12 months** and originating in a third country having a controlled or an undetermined BSE risk or originating from any EU Member State;
- the vertebral column excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the spinous and transverse processes of the cervical, thoracic and lumbar vertebrae and the median sacral crest and wings of the sacrum, but including the dorsal root ganglia, of **bovine animals aged over 30 months** and originating in a third country or EU Member State having a controlled or an undetermined BSE risk;
- the tonsils, the last four meters of the small intestine, the caecum and the mesentery of **bovine animals of all ages** and originating in a third country or EU Member State having a

controlled or an undetermined BSE risk;

- the skull including the brain and eyes, the tonsils and the spinal cord of **ovine and caprine animals aged over 12 months or which have a permanent incisor erupted through the gum** and originating in a third country having a controlled or an undetermined BSE risk or originating from any EU Member State;
- the spleen and ileum of **ovine and caprine animals of all ages** and originating in a third country having a controlled or an undetermined BSE risk or originating from any EU Member State.

Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 (as amended) prohibits the use of the stunning and slaughtering methods described in this paragraph in EU member states with a controlled BSE risk and also imposes these restrictions in relation to imports into the EU.

This Regulation also controls the use of specified risk material by requiring the removal and safe destruction of specified risk material from ruminant animals slaughtered in slaughterhouses approved in accordance with the EU Hygiene package which includes Regulations (EC) 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004.

In England, this is enforced by the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2010 (as amended). Similar legislation exists in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**Second indent refers:**

For practical purposes, the BSE risk status allocated to a country or region by the EU Commission in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 (as amended) is the same as the BSE risk status allocated to that country or region by the World Organisation for Animal Health (still known by its historical acronym, OIE).

Confirmation of the BSE risk status of the country or region of origin may therefore be obtained by reference to information published by the OIE on their website at:

<http://www.oie.int/en/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/bse/list-of-bse-risk-status/>

**II.8 - Additional TSE assurances**

This paragraph refers to additional TSE assurances with respect to the feeding to ruminant animals of milk and milk products of ovine or caprine origin.

This paragraph may be deleted in its entirety on the basis that this certificate is for the export of pet food and is not, therefore, intended for feeding to ruminant animals or any other farmed animals. The deletion should be initialled and stamped in the usual manner.

**6. SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS**

If declarations are relied upon to support the completion of this certificate, these must be signed by someone who has knowledge of and responsibility for the relevant parts of the production process. The managing director (or equivalent) of the company should provide a letter giving the name(s) and job title(s) of those authorised to give the declaration and the basis on which the declaration is made.

The declaration should 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.



Where possible, supporting evidence should be called for and put on file.

**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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