

No:

EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS OVER THREE MONTHS OLD FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO NORTHERN CYPRUS

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

These notes provide guidance for the OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN and exporter. They must be read in conjunction with health certificate 4891EHC which may be obtained from the local Animal Health Divisional Office. They are based on the requirements for the importation of dogs and cats into Northern Cyprus, known to the Department's knowledge as at May 2007. We advise exporters to seek full details of the import requirements from the veterinary authorities in the importing country or their diplomatic representatives in UK, in advance of each consignment. These requirements should be compared with the information contained in these notes for guidance. If there are any discrepancies, exporters are advised to contact their local Animal Health Divisional Office immediately.

1. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS: (Refer below for more detailed information)

- Import Permit from Northern Cyprus' Veterinary authorities.
- Export health certificate issued by DEFRA UK.
- Rabies vaccination not less than 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export.
- Blood test for rabies antibodies prior to export.
- Clinical examination within 48 hours prior to export;

2. OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

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.

The stamp and signature must be made in ink of any 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 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

Authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) certifying DAERA Export Certification On-Line (DECOL) produced EHCs 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. IMPORT PERMIT

The import of dogs and cats is subject to the requirement of an import permit obtained from the Northern Cyprus Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Veterinary Services, Veteriner Dairesi, Tarim, Dogal Kaynaklor ve Enerji Bakanligi, Lefkosa, Mersin-10. Turkey 77. This permit must accompany the animal. Failure to comply with any stipulated condition can lead to refusal of entry.

4. EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

The Export Health Certificate must accompany all dogs and cats over three months old- exported from Great Britain.

The application form (EXA1) should be completed and forwarded to the local Animal Health Divisional Office. (List of local Animal Health Divisional Offices enclosed).

On receipt of your application form, the local Animal Health Divisional Office will issue the certificate to your nominated Official Veterinarian, who will then complete the certification.

An OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN is a official veterinarian who is appointed by DEFRA to carry out export certification.

If you do not know the name of a Ministry approved OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN your Local Animal Health Divisional Office will be able to advise you of those in your area.

5. RABIES VACCINATION

Rabies vaccination must be given at least 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to export. A rabies vaccination certificate must be completed by the veterinary surgeon who vaccinates the animals.

There is also a requirement for a blood test to be taken not less than 14 days after the last rabies vaccination in order to demonstrate that the vaccination has produced a satisfactory antibody

titre in the animal. A titre of 0.5 i.u./ml or higher is satisfactory. The blood test must be carried out by a laboratory on the list of EU approved laboratories for this purpose.

A list of approved rabies serology laboratories in the UK can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rabies-blood-testing-laboratories-in-the-uk>

A list of approved rabies serology laboratories in all EU Member States can be found at the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/approved_establishments/other_laboratories_en.htm

6. QUARANTINE

Dogs and cats will on arrival be subject to quarantine for between one month up to a maximum of six months. All expenses to be paid by the owner of the animal.

7. WELFARE

Exporters and transporters must comply with all the legislation for the welfare of live animals during transport. The welfare conditions required during transport, are set out in Council Regulation EC No 1/2005 (as retained), implemented in England by The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006, with parallel legislation in Scotland and Wales.

If transported by air, animals should also be transported in accordance with International Air Transport Association (IATA) standards.

Information about welfare during transport in Great Britain and the necessary requirements can be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Agency: Welfare in Transport Team

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Or, in the case of Northern Ireland, DAERA at Dundonald House, Belfast.

8. 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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