

EXPORT OF HEAT PROCESSED MEAT BASED FLAVOURINGS TO AUSTRALIA

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN AND EXPORTER

Associated Documents: 6659EHC

IMPORTANT

These notes provide guidance to Official Veterinarians (OV) and exporters. The NFG should have been issued to you together with export certificate 6659EHC. The NFG should not be read as a standalone document but in conjunction with certificate 6659EHC. 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 6659EHC may be used for the export of meat-based flavourings or stocks for human consumption to Australia.

The exporter must **obtain an import permit** from Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) for their product, or official written confirmation from AQIS that the product to be exported does not require an import permit.

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 should sign and stamp the health certificate with the OVstamp in 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 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

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. HEALTH INFORMATION

- Paragraphs IV. a), c), d), e), g), j) and k) may be certified on the basis of familiarity with the sourcing, processing and handling procedures in place at the manufacturing establishment. This should be supported, where necessary, by physical inspection of the products and their packaging and examination of relevant records including commercial documentation and official veterinary certification relating to the batches of product being certified.
- Paragraph IV.(b)
 - o *i) must be completed if there is any bovine -derived material in the product. It should be noted that only **dairy ingredients, gelatine** and/or **collagen derived from hides and skins** are permissible.
 - o *ii) should **either** be completed to reflect the country of origin of the beef used in the product (in accordance with the numbered valid import permit from AQIS) **or** deleted if the product does not contain any beef.
- With regards to paragraphs II. (a) and IV. (d), 'approval' refers to approval in accordance with EU Regulations (EC)853/2004 and 854/2004. In the UK, these EU Regulations are implemented by the Food Hygiene Regulation 2006. Current approval can be confirmed either by reference to the establishment's approval document.
- At paragraph IV. (f), the OV must enter details of the heat treatment applied, which must comply with the treatment specified in the AQIS import permit for the product.
- Paragraph IV. (l) allows the use of sheep and/or goat meat but not the offal named (the list is wide ranging, and includes organs that are not considered to harbour infectivity).

However, the named offal from animals born, reared and slaughtered from countries historically free of (classical) scrapie is allowed.

At the moment, only Australia and New Zealand are considered to be free.

4. 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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